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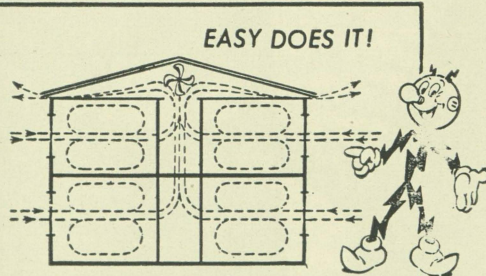
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STRANGE BEHAVIOR OF PINELLAS LAKE

By RALPH SUMNER
Tampa Tribune Staff Writer

The U. S. Geological Survey is quietly seeking a means of harnessing a huge underground "siphon" which connects Lake Butler and the Gulf of Mexico, it was disclosed today by Robert S. Taylor, assistant engineer with headquarters at Ocala.

It is that siphon, sometimes pouring millions of gallons of Lake Butler water into the Gulf and at other times sending salt water into the lake, which prevents the City of Tarpon Springs from using a \$500,000 water treating plant erected on the shore of the lake two decades ago.

If this phenomenon can be controlled, the City of Tarpon Springs is likely to reclaim its half-million-dollar investment and this part of Florida would benefit by new water conservation projects.

Puzzles Experts

The remarkable behavior of Pinellas County's largest lake long has puzzled both natives and outside experts.

The siphon's action was first observed after a series of heavy rains raised the level of the lake, which five miles long, about seven feet over a period of weeks. Suddenly

the water level began dropping and fell several feet in a few hours. Soon it began rising again, for no visible reason. Then it was discovered that when the lake's surplus water drained off through the mysterious channel, salt water somehow flowed back in.

The lake is more than two miles away from the Gulf shore.

Taylor and other geological and water conservation experts decline to discuss their Lake Butler investigations.

"Our experiments are inconclusive at present," Taylor explained. "We plan to make a complete report to the Pinellas County Engineering Department. When our experiments are completed it then will be up to Pinellas County as to what action will be taken as a result of our experiments.

"There has been a lot of talk about Lake Butler, but there is a lot yet to be learned about it."

Progress Made

Official reports in the offices of the Pinellas County Soil Conservation District and the Pinellas Engineering Department show considerable progress has been made toward solving the mystery.

The Lake Butler end of a large underground cavern has been located near the west shore at Knight's Grove. It is a funnel-

OUR COVER PICTURE

Ft. Lauderdale Legionnaires and Capt. Tobe Bass view Highway Safety Poster. Left to right: Mr. Robert Pryor, Mr. Dave Turner and Capt. Bass.

shaped hole, 105 feet deep, about 280 feet long and 240 feet in width.

Experts report that the lake water apparently flows from this hole through underground caverns to Gulf waters. Recently geological experts placed some strong dye in the hole when the water was flowing from the lake. The dye color appeared in Spring Bayou in downtown Tarpon Springs in faint patches.

Al Swartz, expert for the Pinellas County Soil Conservation District, who has worked with the federal men on the Lake Butler problem, said today the public could cooperate in determining the Gulf outlets of the cavern.

Could Watch for Dye

"We could notify everyone that we were going to place dye in the lake," Swartz said, "then ask each person to watch wells, pump water, springs, lakes or streams for traces of the dye."

However, Swartz and County Engineer McMullen emphasized that the federal experts were "carrying the ball" in the Lake Butler experiment.

"We are merely giving aid, and very gladly, when called upon," Swartz said.

Six customer service centers — one-stop buying offices for government surplus property—are now in operation in Florida, War Assets Administration says. They are in Jacksonville, Miami, Tampa, Orlando, Pensacola and Tallahassee.

Thousands of dollars worth of surplus property has been sent to Mexico by the War Assets Administration to combat hoof and mouth disease, and to prevent spread of the cattle malady to the United States.

The Florida State Board of Health has taken over nine buildings at the Melbourne Naval Air Station from War Assets Administration for use as a center for rapid treatment of venereal diseases.

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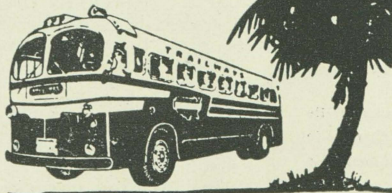
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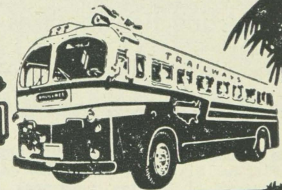


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The only tropical area in continental United States has become a national park through the efforts of Governor Millard Caldwell and probably will stand as a great monument to his administration. More than 800,000 acres already have been deeded to the government and \$2,000,000 has been appropriated by the state for the acquirement of 500,000 more acres to add to the reservation.

Within this area the Seminole Indians still trap fox, bear, panther, deer, crocodiles and alligators. Here are thousands of islands covered with dense vegetation ranging all the way from royal palms, and giant cypresses hung with orchids, to water hyacinths and lilies. Rookeries harbor rare land and sea birds whose brilliant plumage vies with the striking flower and foliage colors.

When the Everglades National park is opened to the public, it will be maintained in its primitive state as a wild life sanctuary. Then Americans for the first time will be able to see this land of limitless beauty where the Seminole Indians successfully eluded capture through almost ten years of warfare that ended in 1843.

The right kind of national pride is fostered by such national parks. A citizen of the United States who visits these wonderland beauty stretches comes away with new appreciation for the heritage that is his in this vast country.—*Pensacola Journal*.

OUR GOVERNOR SCORES A HIT

Gov. Caldwell talked some good old common sense the other day when he opened the Governor's conference out in Salt Lake City.

He said what he had to say simply, forcefully and directly.

He was a credit to Our State, as we have come to expect.

Gov. Caldwell gave the average citizen in the nation a shaking down for failure to take more interest in Government.

"Special groups and interests still too largely control the destinies of the States," he said.

The Governor said "the average citizen outnumbers all the self-seeking blocs and if he would bestir himself, he could be the rider and not the ridden."

Well said, Governor!

We hear so much fussing and fuming by the man on the street about our politicians and office holders, but when the day comes for Mr. and Mrs. Average Voter to speak at the polls, more than half of them stay home.

Democracy is endangered by inertia.

It's up to Mr. and Mrs. Average Voter to stop complaining about the men in office and to get out and do something about putting the men in office they think should be there.—*Orlando Morning Sentinel*.

CALDWELL EMPHASIZES AN OLD TRUTH

In his opening address to the Governors' Conference in session at Salt Lake City, Governor Caldwell, chairman of the Conference, reemphasized the need for the states to keep a watchful eye on their traditional rights. Encroachment by the Federal Government has been paring down the freedoms which the states have enjoyed in controlling their own affairs.

Governor Caldwell was not introducing anything new or sensational, but he was properly stressing this danger which threatens continually.

The octopus-like characteristic of the Federal Government to seek to be an all-encompassing, patronizing government instead of existing for the purpose of serving only in those fields beyond the bounds of the state's capacities has evolved from the policies of the New Deal. Although the New Deal as such has disintegrated in many respects, the proponents of centralized government remain and do not desist from their efforts to strengthen this form of government.

Unfortunately, the states themselves have allowed the Federal Government to get a strangle-hold on them by their habit, nurtured by the New Deal, of running to Washington whenever they want extra money for public works, social aid and many other Federal-state cooperative projects.

The "gimme" habit has been costly to the states—not in dollars, but in the sacrifice of their rights to determine solely the solutions to problems because of Federal dollar participation which brings with it Federal interference to the extent of saying how Federal dollars shall be used in the states. With this foothold, the Federal bureaucrats then try to expand their grip on state affairs by attempting to dictate all policies in which they have even the slightest financial interest.

Although most states have come out of the war period in excellent financial position, far better than the Federal Government with its 250 billion dollar debt, too many of them have formed so many binding ties with the Federal Government that they cannot now cut them loose.—*Tampa Daily Times*.



ABOVE: SAFETY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.—First row, left to right: Sgt. Collier Brown, Sgt. Reid Poindexter, George Asbell, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Governor Millard F. Caldwell, Major General Philip B. Fleming, General Chairman, Presidents Safety Conference, Thomas H. MacDonald, Chairman of Coordinating Committee, President's Highway Safety Conference.
 Second row, left to right: Sgt. E. B. Jordan, Miss Idelle Murphy, Secretary to State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, Mr. Walter Hays, Chairman of State Safety Committee, State Chamber of Commerce.
 Third row, left to right: Mr. W. Theo Proctor, Director, National Automobile Dealers; Dr. Doak S. Campbell, President Florida State University; Hon. Colin English, Superintendent Public Instruction; Sgt. J. T. Prater, Col. Reynolds Weaver, Automotive Safety Foundation; Col. H. N. Kirkman, Director State Department of Public Safety.
BELOW: DEMONSTRATION OF AMPUTEE CAR.—Left to right: Governor Millard F. Caldwell, Sgt. C. W. Keith (in car), Chief of Drivers License Division; Secretary of State Robert A. Gray; Attorney General Tom Watson; Comptroller C. M. Gay; Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo; Lt. Jay L. Hall, Florida Highway Patrol; Col. H. N. Kirkman, Director State Department of Public Safety.

Highway Safety

An executive board composed of Governor Caldwell and cabinet members directs the Department of Public Safety.

This department was created by legislative act in 1939. It is composed of two divisions, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Drivers' License division. Headquarters are maintained in the Martin Building on Adams Street in historic Tallahassee, seat of state government.

Funds derived from the sale of drivers' licenses provide the only revenue for the existence of this agency.

The Highway Patrol in the few short years of its existence has kept pace with the expanding growth of a great progressive State. The patrol belongs to all of the people of Florida and it is dedicated to their service in every county from Key West to Pensacola. History of the patrol has been colorful. Aided by far-sighted public

spirited citizens and wise state officials, it has sought to merit the pride and respect of Floridians everywhere.

Courteous enforcement of the state's traffic laws has resulted in commendation from visitors and citizens alike. Over the more than 8,700 miles of paved roads extending in all directions of the peninsular, famous as the Land of Sunshine and Flowers, the patrol's cream and black cars are familiar to motorists from every state in the Union.

On lonely beach roads or in the midst of busy thriving cities, visitors to Florida have found the patrol ready to furnish information and to be of assistance when needed.

Members of the Highway Patrol know the state's vast system of roads and where they lead to beautiful and picturesque points of interest. They tell visitors that Florida is the finest state in the Union and they have a

wealth of informational data to back it up.

Smartly uniformed in army pink and wearing broad brimmed Stetson hats, the men under the command of Colonel H. N. Kirkman, army reserve officer and veteran of two wars, accept neat appearance and discipline as part of their code.

A far-flung radio network stretching from the broad Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico and including 17 land stations affords the patrol excellent statewide coverage. This network source of information for 174 mobile units, automobiles equipped with two way receiving and transmitting sets, has put fear in the heart of automobile thieves and other criminals who try to run the patrol's blockade.

No patrol officer is ever entitled to any fee or mileage cost except when responding to a witness subpoena in a civil case.



GOVERNOR CALDWELL SIGNS HIGHWAY PATROL BILL.—Left to right: Rep. Scott Huff, Col. H. N. Kirkman, Rep. Thos. B. Dowda, Senator Walter Sturgis, Senator B. C. Pearce, Mr. Walter Rountree, Rep. Jerry Collins, and Rep. James Y. Wilson.



President Truman congratulates members of the Florida Highway Patrol for services rendered during a recent visit of the Chief Executive to Key West.

All fees resulting from arrests by the highway patrol are declared to be a part of the compensation of the sheriff of the county where the arrest is made. The proceeds from fines and costs in highway patrol cases go into the fine and forfeiture fund of the

county where the charges are filed.

The 1947 legislature passed a law giving the patrol members police immunity as peace officers and increasing to a limited extent their power of arrest. Until the recent session of the legislature patrolmen possessed

only doubtful authority for much of the enforcement work they were called on to perform . . . most of it as assistance to other law enforcement agencies including overworked municipal and county officers.

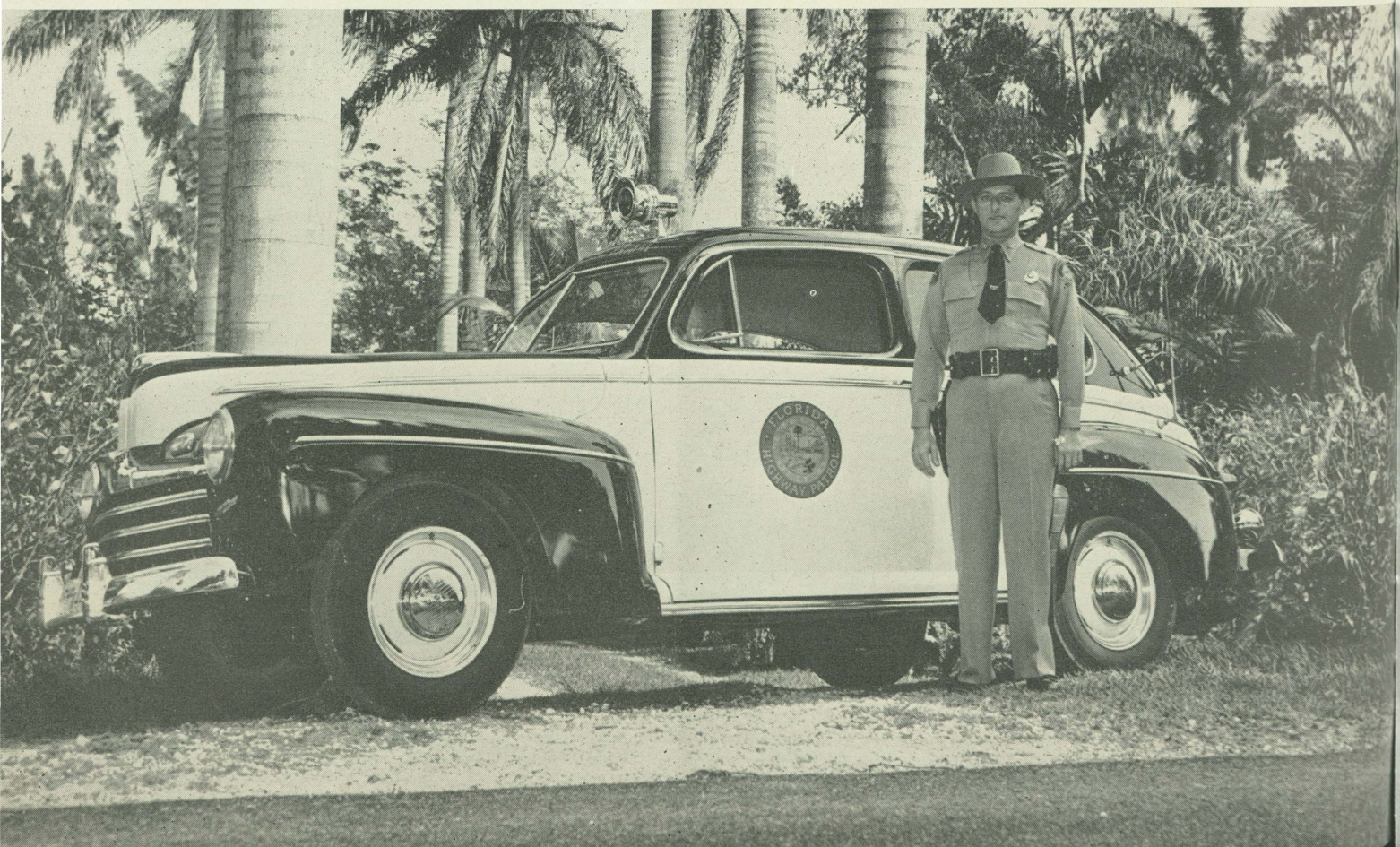
Mutual cooperation with other law enforcement bodies resulted in figures showing that over 50 per cent of the items broadcast over the patrol's radio network were put on the air at the request of some sheriff or police department. All available communication facilities of the FHP are used by special agents of the FBI operating in Florida.

New recruits must pass a stiff basic training course and work 12 months on probation before they are considered full fledged patrolmen. To get a chance to go to the patrol's training school an applicant must meet certain high standards including a searching investigation into his character and reputation.

Today the patrol has 163 men who have chosen law enforcement as a career. They are highly trained, smartly uniformed, well equipped and ready to meet their destiny on the highways of Florida. They believe in their state, in their organization and in the good citizens who aid them in enforcing the law.

Written Warnings

Written warnings have been handed out to 21,877 motorists by members of the Florida Highway Patrol since March 25 when the state cabinet executive board passed a resolution calling for a weekly report from



each patrolman on such action.

Director Kirkman pointed out that often a patrolman has cause to issue a citation and make an arrest for a minor traffic violation but mitigating circumstances and a desire to aid the motorist in becoming a safer driver causes him instead to issue only a warning ticket.

The patrolman is instructed to issue a written warning ticket when deemed necessary to correct a violation of minor nature and to place on the driver's license a notation as to the date, place and nature of the violation. A copy of this written warning given the motorist is forwarded to the State Department of Public Safety in Tallahassee and entered on the driver's permanent record.

"Good drivers want a clean record with no violations entered on their licenses," Director Kirkman said. "That is the reason these warnings aid in our safety campaign," he concluded.

Promotions

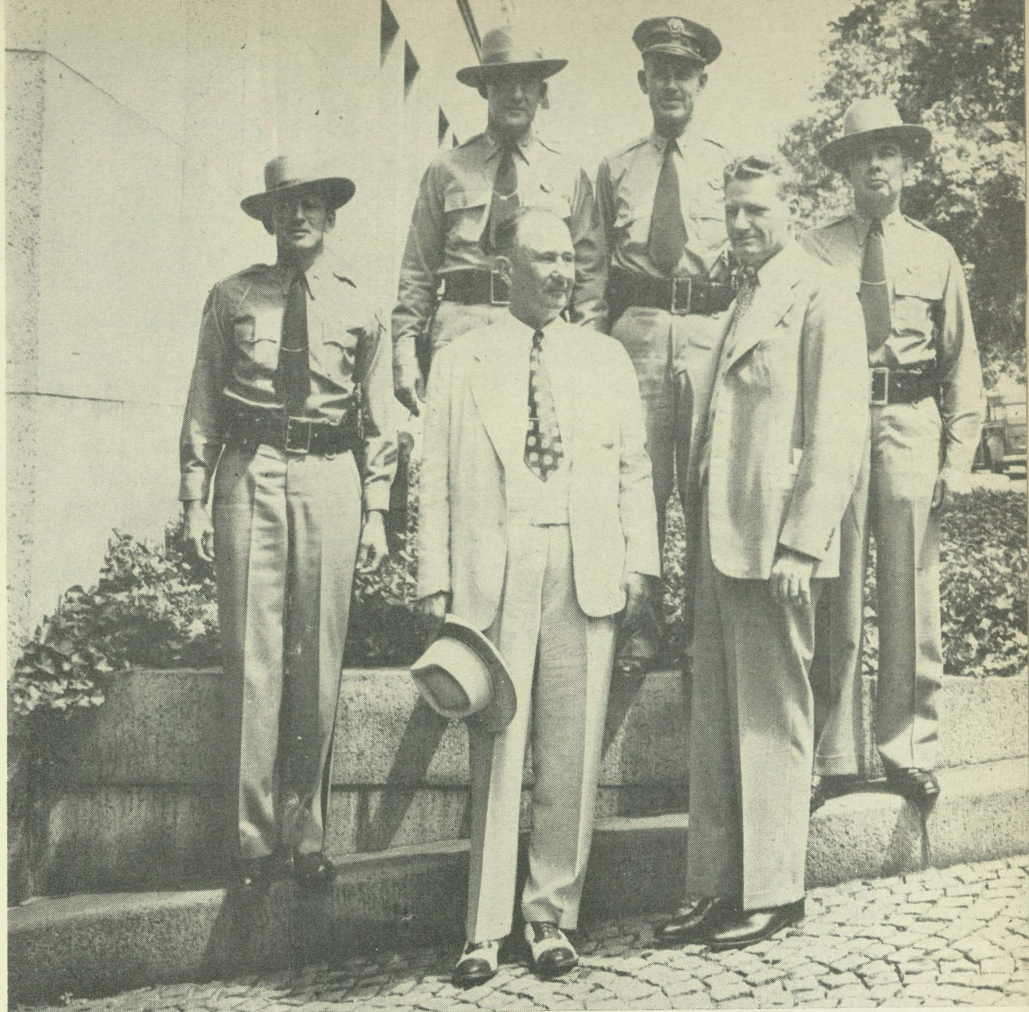
Promotions have been given to 28 members of the Florida Highway Patrol.

The promotions, approved by the state cabinet executive board, were authorized by recent action of the 1947 Florida legislature.

Three new lieutenants have been commissioned. They are Ralph L. Robinson, Bartow central division; C. E. Taylor, Ocala, central division and A. G. Fausett, Sarasota, southern division. All three held the rank of sergeant before their promotion.

The legislature provided for the new rank of first sergeant and fixed four as the number to be appointed. Those named are H. L. Simmons, Tampa, central division; T. E. Jones, Miami, southern division; C. W. Hancock, Lake City, northern division, and O. L. McArthur, Panama City, northern division.

Eight new sergeants have been se-



PRESIDENT'S SAFETY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON.—First row, left to right: Col. H. N. Kirkman; Governor Millard F. Caldwell. Second row, left to right: Sergeants J. T. Prater, Collier Brown, Reid Poindexter, and E. B. Jordan.

lected. In the central division J. T. Prater, L. W. Brazell and F. M. Thomas have been stepped up to this rank. All were patrolmen before their promotion.

In the southern division Patrolmen Collier Brown and Clyde Pyrtle were named sergeants.

Those chosen as sergeants in the northern division are Patrolman J. W. Lackey, Acting Sergeant Frank Tidwell and Patrolman E. B. Jordan.

Thirteen patrolmen were advanced to the new rank of corporal. They are H. E. Douglas, J. L. Blount, W. D. Floyd and W. J. Lane (central division); F. G. Burghart, Henry Randall, W. R. Kaufman and E. R. Fer-

rell (southern division); W. W. Townsend, J. W. Jourdan, Quill Griffin, R. H. Strong and J. N. Livingston (northern division).

Activities

Florida Highway Patrolmen investigated 2735 traffic accidents during the first five months of 1947. These accidents resulted in 164 deaths and injuries to 1949 persons.

Patrolmen rendered first aid to 647 injured persons.

Charges were filed against 851 persons for driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicating liquors.

Twenty-eight hit and run drivers were traced down, apprehended and

Sgt. Frank Tidwell, Tallahassee





Members of the Florida Highway Patrol Pistol Team as they appeared during the National Mid-Winter Matches held at Tampa, March 5-9.

prosecuted by patrolmen. They brought charges against 37 motorists for leaving the scene of accidents without disclosing their true identities.

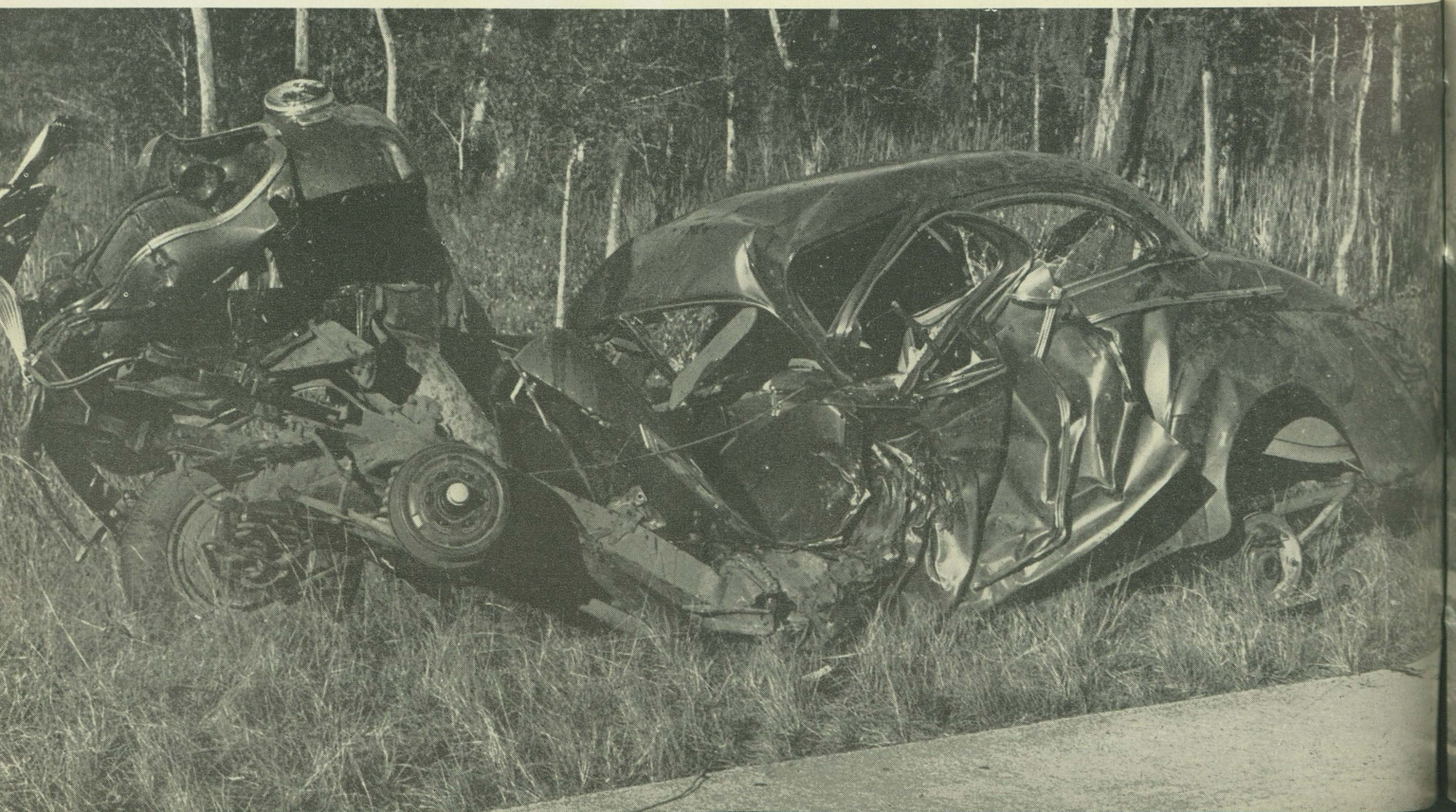
Twenty persons were booked on manslaughter charges for negligence in traffic accidents resulting in deaths on the highway.

Excessive speed was listed as the

cause in 661 arrests as patrolmen clamped down in a drive to reduce the state's accident rate.

Sixty-six motorists were prosecuted by the patrol for operating motor

Vigilant patrolling of our highways with adequate personnel will help to reduce to a minimum such traffic tragedies as depicted below.



vehicles without proper license tags.

Other violations which brought arrests and prosecutions are listed as follows:

Running stop sign, 100; following another vehicle too close, 31; passing stopped school bus, 50; unlawfully parking on highway, 98; operating with improper lights, 145; overweight trucks, 211 and miscellaneous arrests including arrests for other enforcement officers, 278.

During this five months period the patrolmen secured 4558 convictions, most of which were guilty pleas entered before the regular court trial date.

Buildings

A statewide building program during the past two years has resulted in improved facilities for the Highway Patrol and expanded police services for the people of Florida.

This program has reached into every part of the state. Expenditures have totaled more than \$85,000. New stations have been constructed while some improvement has been made to other buildings used by the patrol.

In Duval County a new \$20,000 station has recently been completed near Marietta. The structure provides office space and barracks for the men assigned to the Jacksonville area. It also houses radio station WJXJ, a part of the patrol's extensive communications system.

Another new FHP home has gone up in Columbia County near Lake City on State Road No. 10. It is identical in design and construction with the one in Duval County.

Three miles east of Tallahassee on



Intensive training in first aid to injured enable Florida Highway Patrolmen to render invaluable service in emergencies.

State Road No. 20 the Highway Patrol has activated a new station near Florida's Capital City. The same plans and specifications used in Lake City and Jacksonville were used in this construction. Also erected at this location is an army war surplus quonset hut which has been converted into a radio laboratory experimental station.

A small but modern new building

on a high well shaded lot facing the Cross City High School is the site of Dixie County's Florida Highway Patrol office and radio station. Construction of this new station was made possible by the cooperation of the Dixie County Board of Commissioners who selected the site and requested the State Department of Public Safety to furnish the plans and specifications for the building

New Patrolmen receiving instruction on how to test the parking skill of applicants for driver's license.





H. N. Kirkman, Director of the State Department of Public Safety
with Captain J. Wallace Smith (right), Executive Officer.

Radio has aided Highway Patrolmen in the recovering of hundreds of stolen cars and a comparison of automobile theft rate for seven of nine southern states finds Florida enjoying the lowest rate of any state.

and for adequate radio facilities to cover the Suwannee River territory of adjoining counties. This building affords barracks space for the two patrolmen assigned there.

Another new radio station and patrol building has been constructed at Palatka in Putnam County. It furnishes barracks space for only two men.

FHP stations and offices which have been repaired or renovated include those at Tampa, Ft. Myers, Bartow, Ft. Lauderdale, Chipley, DeLand, Ocala, West Palm Beach, St. Petersburg, Sarasota and Miami.

New construction has been contemplated for Melbourne, Sarasota and Lakeland.

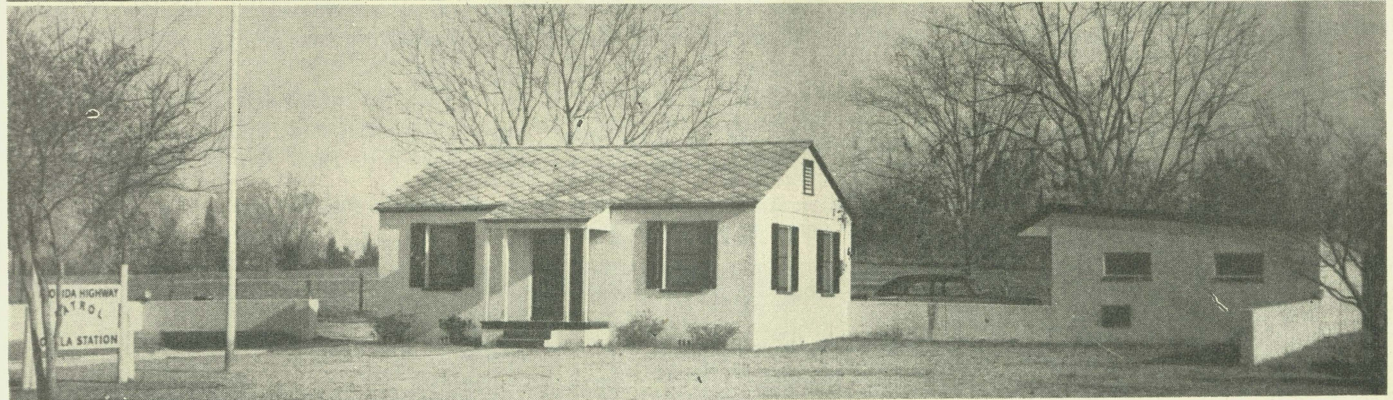
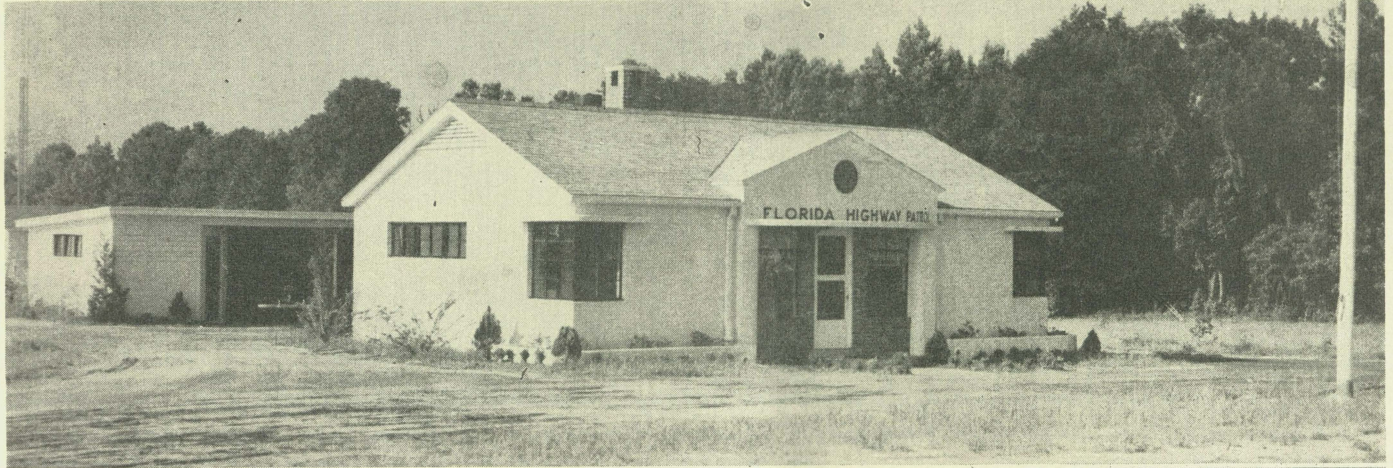
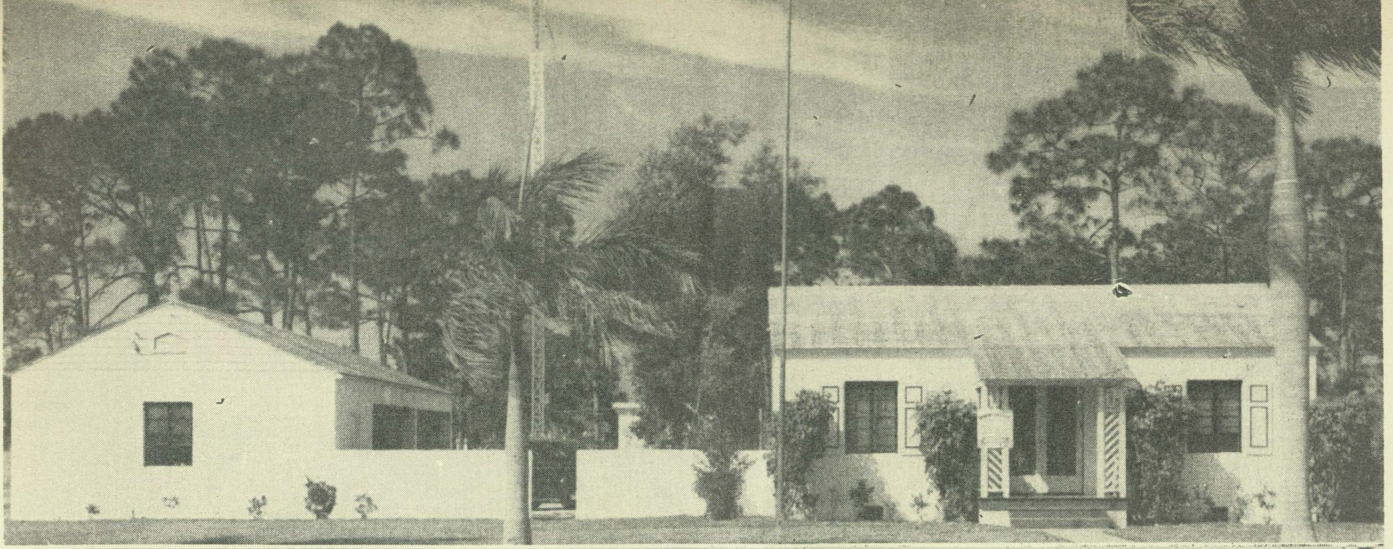
Communications

Radio and teletype are utilized in the modern extensive communications system of the Florida Highway Patrol.

In 1942 the Department of Public Safety decided that the Highway Patrol should be radio equipped. Starting out with only six stations the system has expanded until today it includes 17 stations and 174 mobile two-way radio units. Teletype is tied in with radio to provide a far reaching network which serves Florida citizens and all law enforcement agencies operating in the State.

Rhett McMillan, chief of the communications system, supervises the work of three other radio engineers who maintain the equipment of all





Top to bottom: Florida Highway Patrol Stations at Ft. Myers, Tallahassee and Ocala.

stations. Headquarters are maintained by McMillan in Tallahassee where a new radio experimental laboratory has been established.

Other improvements are planned to give Florida one of the best communication systems in the United States. Plans have been made to secure a special emergency unit with life-saving devices, radio, flood lights, public address equipment and other items needed in case of storm, flood or other disaster.

New 200 foot steel towers have been installed at Lake City, Jacksonville and Pensacola. Constant changes and innovations are being made to better the service of the radio network.

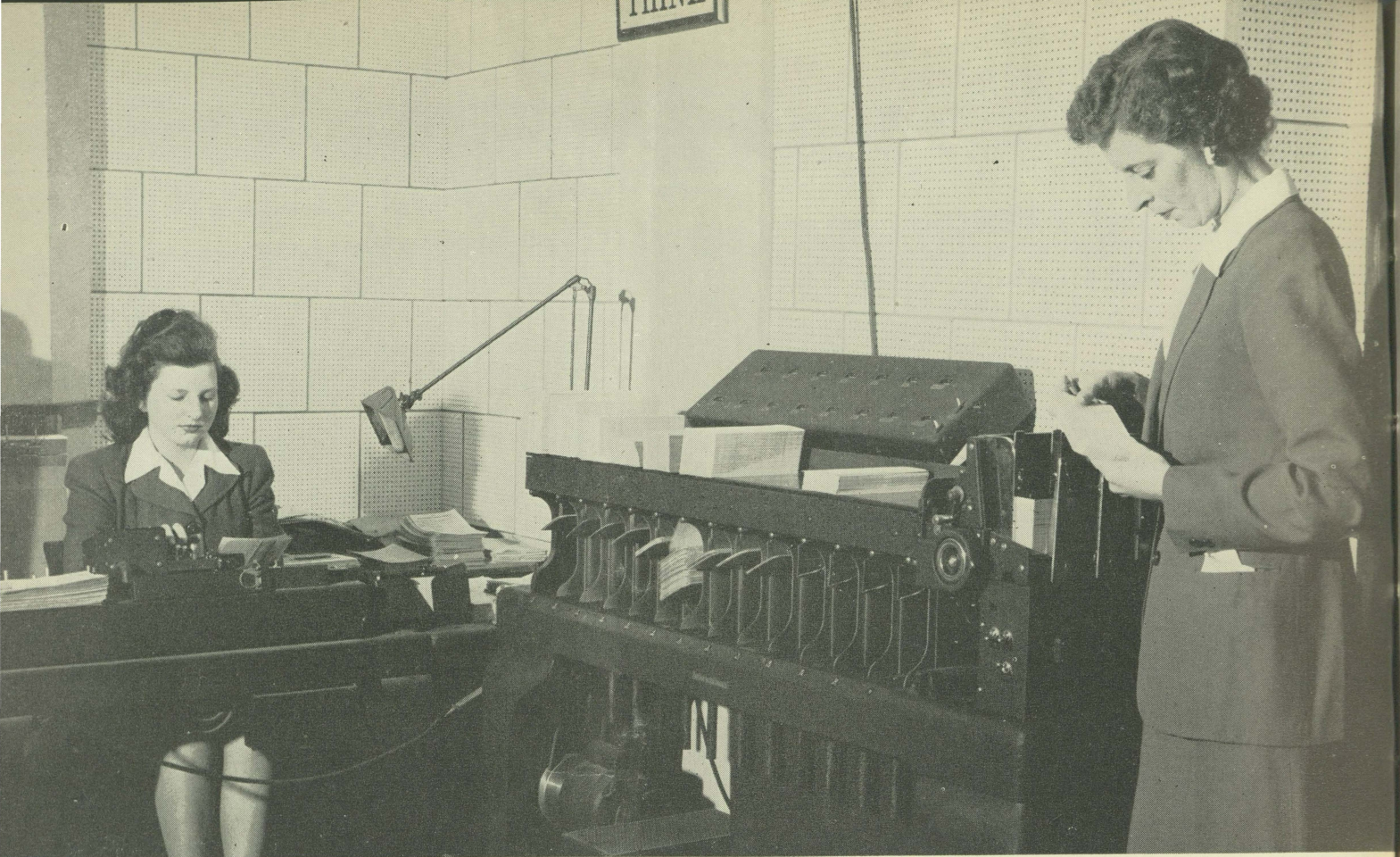
FHP radio stations are located as follows:

TallahasseeWKTF-250 Watts

Chipley	WLIU- 50 Watts	Tampa	WKGZ- 50 Watts
Pensacola	WSWR- 50 Watts	Bartow	WKSO-250 Watts
Lake City	WKDR-250 Watts	Sarasota	WKGJ- 50 Watts
Jacksonville	WJXJ- 50 Watts	Ft. Myers	WSPF-250 Watts
DeLand	WJJX- 50 Watts	Pahokee	WRSF-250 Watts
Melbourne	WKGJ- 50 Watts	West Palm Beach	WSYU- 50 Watts
Ocala	WJXI-250 Watts	Miami	WSYP-250 Watts
Cross City	WJSK- 50 Watts	Palatka	WSWY- 50 Watts

Florida Highway Patrol Station, Lake City, Florida.





Automatic tabulating equipment keeps Florida's traffic records up to the minute and makes possible selective enforcement.

For Amputees

Driver training for amputee veterans of World War II is offered by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The first automobile designed for use of disabled war veterans is owned

by the State Department of Public Safety. It was purchased recently.

This specially equipped car was loaned to the Highway Patrol in 1946 by the Ford Motor Company. The machine was obtained as the result

of efforts made by Col. H. N. Kirkman, director.

A tour of the state was made in 1946 to give veteran amputees the opportunity to "take the wheel again." Driving tests were conducted for

Accurate information on over a million drivers' permanent records are kept by the Drivers' License Division of The State Department of Public Safety.



those seeking to secure automobiles without charge from the government under the disabled veterans act.

The car with its special equipment is simple in design and construction.

A lever at the right of the steering column is the regular gear-shift control. At the left of the steering wheel is the single control lever which operates the clutch, accelerator and brakes. When this lever is moved upward the brakes are applied. When it is moved downward the clutch is let out and the throttle opened.

A knob on the steering wheel makes turning easier. A direction control lever underneath the steering wheel takes the place of hand signaling for turns. A dimmer switch is operated from a button on the steering column.

The car may be converted for standard driving purposes by a switch on the dashboard. This convenient aspect of the machine allows its use by either the veteran, members of his family or friends.

Director Kirkman pointed out that so far as he knows Florida is the only state offering this type of service.

License Revocation

Florida law provides seven causes for mandatory revocation of a driver's license and likewise gives the Department of Public Safety seven grounds for suspending or revoking such a license.

The law sets forth that the department* shall forthwith revoke the license of any operator or chauffeur upon receiving a record of such operator's or chauffeurs conviction of any of the following offenses:

1. Manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;
2. Driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a narcotic drug;
3. Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;
4. Failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another;
5. Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the department under this law or under any other law relating to the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle;
6. Conviction or forfeiture of bail not vacated, upon three charges of reckless driving committed within a period of three months;
7. Any violation of the law against lewdness, assignation and prostitution where such violation has been effected through the use of a motor vehicle.

Authorization by law is given to the department to suspend the license of an operator or chauffeur upon a showing by its records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

1. Has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation of a license is required upon conviction;
2. Has been involved as a driver in any accident resulting in death or personal injury of another or serious property damage;
3. Is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a motor vehicle;
4. Is an habitual violator of the traffic laws;
5. Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;
6. Has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of such driver's license;
7. Has committed an offense in another state which if committed in this state would be grounds for suspension or revocation.

Parents of Minors

Parents of minors under 18 years old bear legal responsibility for the conduct of their children when they take the steering wheel of an automobile.

Under state regulatory traffic laws the Department of Public Safety may issue a restricted driver's license to any person who is at least 14 years old.

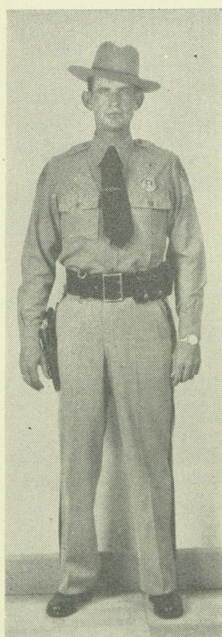
These restricted licenses limit this age group from 14 to 16 to daylight driving only from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Minors who have obtained restricted licenses must be accompanied by

Such patrolmen as these are the backbone of the Florida Highway Patrol.



Patrolman
Tom Aaron



Corporal
F. G. Burghart, Jr.



Patrolman
Ad Van Natta



Sergeant
J. W. Lackey



Sergeant
C. R. Pirtle

an operator 16 years of age or older at all times except when operating a motorcycle or motor scooter.

Violation of any of these restrictions or any traffic laws gives grounds for automatically cancelling the minor's license.

Florida law says that the application of any person under the age of eighteen for an instruction permit or operator's license shall be signed by both the father and mother. If neither parent is living the application may be signed by the minor's guardian, his employer or another responsible person who is willing to assume the obligations imposed.

The law also provides that "any negligence or willful misconduct of a minor under the age of eighteen years when driving a motor vehicle upon a highway shall be imputed to the person or head of a family who has signed the application of such minor for a permit or license, which person shall be jointly and severally liable for such minor for any damage caused by such negligence or willful misconduct."

If a parent who has signed the application thereafter decides that he wants to withdraw the minor's driving privileges he is allowed to do so under the law.

Financial Responsibility

Owners and operators of automo-

biles must have proof of financial responsibility if they are involved in accidents after October 1, state officials reminded motorists in pointing to the provisions of the new Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act passed by the recent 1947 Florida legislature.

Intent of the act which passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Caldwell on April 30, is to recognize the rights of all to operate motor vehicles on the public highways so long as these rights are used with due consideration to others.

The law declares that it is a public responsibility to be able to recompense anyone injured by the operation of motor vehicles on the highways of this state. So, the owner or operator involved in an accident must show his ability to pay damages or else give up his driving privileges.

Administration of the act falls upon State Treasurer J. Ed Larson. He is designated by law as the commissioner with full powers to enforce the provisions of the act and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for its proper administration.

Every owner and operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident is presumed to be subject to the provisions of the act except those specifically exempted. The presumption

may be overcome by proof of financial responsibility shown by (a) motor vehicle liability policy (b) surety bond (c) deposit of cash or securities (d) qualification as a self-insurer or (e) a voluntary liability policy.

Exempt from the act are owners and operators of motor vehicles where no injury or damage was caused. Likewise the act exempts the owner or operator of a motor vehicle legally parked at the time of the accident. The owner of a motor vehicle is exempt if at the time of the accident the vehicle was being operated without permission. Owners and operators who are not at fault in accidents as shown by the required report or subsequent proof are exempted from the provisions of this law. Motor vehicles owned by the United States government, this state or any county or city in this state, do not come within the jurisdiction of this act.

Financial responsibility is fixed by proof of ability to pay damages in the amount of \$5,000 because of bodily injury or death to one person in one accident, in the amount of \$10,000 because of bodily injury or death to two persons in one accident and in the amount of \$1,000 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

Thirty days after notice of accident

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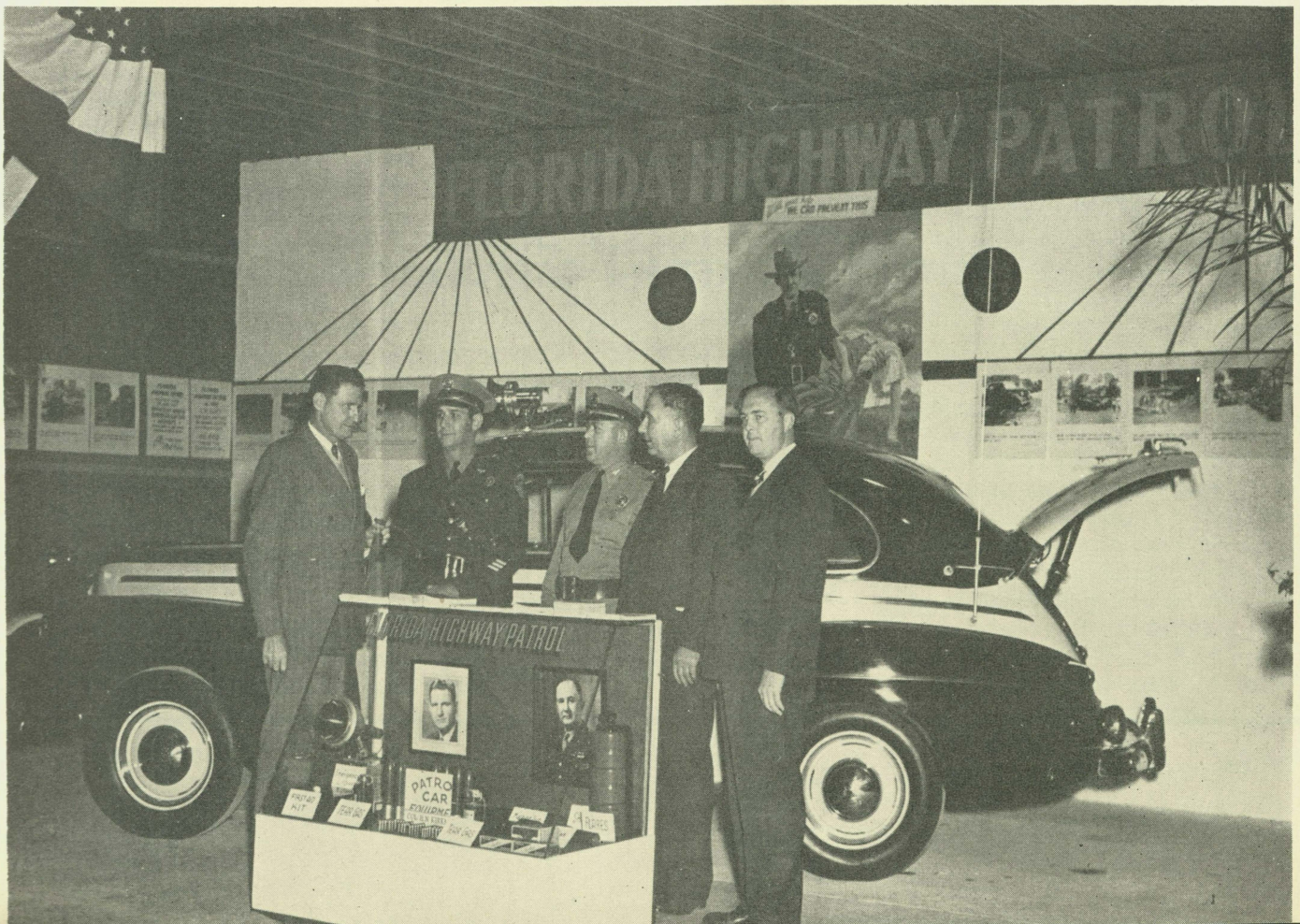
Accident records undergo constant and careful study for purposes of improving traffic safety in Florida.



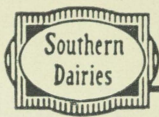


Correct procedures in handling injured persons in the absence of professional medical attention is stressed in the Highway Patrol Training Program.

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Athanasios T. Spematzoglon of Tarpon Springs is of Greek blood and proud of it, but his name caused so much difficulty he decided to have it changed to one that would be easier to spell, easier to remember and easier to pronounce. The name he selected was Athanasios T. Tompappas.

Tallahassee boasts of one resident, Mrs. E. W. Apple, who received her education as a "printer's devil" in the 1880's when "lady" typesetters were virtually unheard of. She began her career at the age of 16 on the weekly *Indiana* (Pa.) News and set type for no less a periodical than the *Ladies Home Journal* in 1889, the year the late Edward Bok became editor of the magazine, and only six years after it was founded.

C. E. Fleetwood, 65, of Tripplett, Mo., reported in Miami that his hearing in his left ear, in which he had been deaf for 20 years, was restored during an airplane flight from St. Louis to Miami.

A collection of 196 miniature shoes of china, glass, rubber, wood, bronze and iron is owned by Mrs. Clyde J. White of Tallahassee. The largest item in the collection is a china boot standing ten inches high and the smallest item is a metal shoe less than an inch long.

Luis Rodriguez Acosta, a one-man propaganda bureau for the Cuban sugar industry and an unofficial ambassador of neighborliness, arrived in Miami from Havana, prepared to spend his month's vacation handing out samples of Cuban sugar in the United States. Rodriguez came to the United States for his vacation last summer and his sugar samples created such a sensation that he began right away to plan another propaganda trip. He takes his mission so seriously that he sold his taxicab to finance the current expedition when neither the Cuban government nor the Cuban sugar industry would provide the money needed.

A Rotary exchange student from Norway at the University of Georgia, Paul Dietrichson, was a recent visitor in Tallahassee. Dietrichson, who left

school when the Nazis invaded Norway in April, 1940, and joined the underground resistance movement, was recently graduated from the University of Georgia. He will enter the Yale Divinity School next autumn on a four-year scholarship made possible by his high scholastic record at Georgia.

The Magazine Mart—a world-wide magazine subscription business owned by Ken Kimbel, a former newsman who started it as a hobby—has made the name of Plant City, Fla., familiar all over the world. The mailing volume of the concern consists of about 8000 letters a month and its specialty is the hobby magazine and trade journal field. A new addition to the Magazine Mart is a book-of-the-month club for horse lovers, set up by Ken Kimbel, Jr.

An unusual commercial shark fishing industry is located at Salerno on Manatee creek. Sharks are taken on mile-long chain trot lines and the hooks, placed about 25 feet apart, are baited with coarse fish. These lines are hauled to the surface by winches and the catch clubbed, brought to port and flayed.

Genuine 100 per cent pure snake oil is made in Florida and can be obtained by the ounce or in gallon lots.

Dr. Walter S. Buswell of the University of Miami lists 30 orchids as native to South Florida and most of these are found in the Everglades National Park. Largest of the park's orchids is the enormous *Cyrtopodium punctatum*, commonly known as the cowhorn orchid, and most outstanding is the *Oncidium*. The three-foot, half folded leaves of the *Oncidium* are enough to draw the eyes of the most casual plant admirer.

A surplus LCT — Landing Craft Tank — has been sold by yacht broker Robert J. Taft of Tampa from River Heights Boat Yard to a customer, who plans to use the craft for taking supplies to shores where fighting would scarcely be in order — Honeymoon Isle.

Samuel J. Jones found robbing parking meters in Miami better than picking money off trees. Arrested, he admitted having secured two parking

meter keys from the city's paint shop where he was assigned while serving a sentence in city jail.

The collapse of an antique chair is believed to have saved the \$100,000 art collection of Welburn Guernsey of Tampa. Mr. Guernsey was puzzled when he visited his collection and found a broken teakwood chair, a broken lamp and a valuable painting on the floor with a hole through it, but Sheriff Hugh Culbreath suggested that someone familiar with the house had entered, avoiding the burglar alarm, and climbed onto the chair to remove the picture, "The Money Lender," valued at \$7,500. When the chair broke, the burglar was apparently frightened away.

Alfred M. Ellis of Miami has asked police to determine why anybody should want to shoot into the front of his house each June. The house was vacant in June, 1947, when someone shot through a front window. In June of this year, the house was occupied and tenants, hearing a shot during the night, got up to investigate and found a bullet hole in the front door with the spent bullet on the floor inside.

A minor crime wave was stopped in Jacksonville with the arrest of three culprits, little girls aged 4, 6 and 7. The trio was found in one of four residences they had burglarized. Among their loot was a penny bank containing 50 cents, \$18.65 in cash and a quantity of cosmetics and evidence was found in two of the houses that the young ladies had paused long enough to apply makeup. It developed that their parents had permitted them to use makeup to "play grownup" and they just started going into other people's homes to use lipstick, powder, etc., and meanwhile had taken money found on dressers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lander Lee of Miami recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary by being "re-married" at their home.

Housewives who think they have tough problems to solve will sympathize with Mrs. Tom Logan of Fort Myers. Mr. Logan walked into her living room on a recent morning to find a skunk napping on her sofa. She immediately called the police department and an officer, with the help of a neighbor, carried the sofa outside where a slight drizzle caused the skunk to wake up and, to everyone's satisfaction, he made off without taking or giving offense.

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involving any motor vehicle, within or without this state, when personal injury or any apparent damage of \$50 or more to property is evident, the commissioner shall suspend the licenses of the owners and operators unless they have made themselves exempt by showing proof of financial responsibility.

No owner of a motor vehicle is prohibited from selling it even though his registration has been suspended under this act provided the sale is made to another person whose rights or privileges are not suspended.

A fine of \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months or both such fine and imprisonment can be imposed on any person "who shall knowingly make any misstatement in or commit any forgery upon notice required to be filed" under this act.

Fine of \$500 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both is provided for any person who shall violate any provisions of the act for which no penalty is otherwise provided.

The director of the Department of Public Safety, sheriffs, police and all peace officers shall report to the commissioner all motor vehicle accidents coming to their attention and within the purview of this law.

Execution and enforcement of all orders of suspension, revocation and reinstatement of licenses or registrations issued by the commissioner are to be carried out by the director of the Department of Public Safety, the Commissioner of the Motor Vehicle Department and any peace officer of this state.

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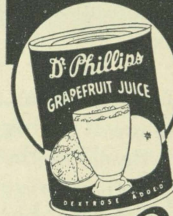
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County Activities and Personalities . . .

Hillsborough County Commissioners were red-faced when they learned they had renamed a street they did not own. They thought the City of Tampa-Hillsborough County line ran down the middle of Fifteenth Street in Ybor City and had been appropriating money, labor and material for construction and maintenance of this thoroughfare, so when advocates for the renaming of the street approached them, they renamed "the County's half" of the street, Avenida de Cervantes. An investigation of Tampa City records shows the boundary line has been the east side of Fifteenth Street all along.

Citizens of Arcadia will vote August 19 on a plan to abolish the city government and turn all government over to the DeSoto County Commission.

The State County Attorneys' Association has re-elected Park Campbell of Dade as president, Harry T. Johnston of Palm Beach as vice-president, and W. R. Smith of Orange as secretary-treasurer.

C. A. Blalock was chosen Chairman of the Madison County Commission in July for a six months term.

The Marion County Commission has re-elected Waldo Priest, Chairman, and A. B. Folks, Vice-Chairman, for another six months.

Henry L. Gray, attorney and member of the Gainesville City Commission, has been appointed legal representative of the Alachua County Commissioners at a retainer fee of \$1200 annually.

Palm Beach County Commissioners approved the selection of Paschal C. Reese as assistant county solicitor and Reese was sworn in by Judge Edward G. Newell.

B. V. Buchanan, West Bay merchant, has been appointed Bay County Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the death of County Commissioner Bruce Vickers.

Pinellas County Clerk of Circuit Court Ray E. Green has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election and two of his employees are seeking the post. The employees who have announced their candidacy are William Crawford, chief deputy clerk, and Morrison Pearce, deputy clerk and manager of the County Clerk's St. Petersburg office.

The Pinellas County Commissioners have named Commissioner Potter to represent them on the new Pinellas County Health Board.

Veteran County Commissioner Joe F.

Hammond has been named Chairman and W. Howard Belote Vice-Chairman of the Duval County Commission for the next six months.

Chairman Ball of the Hillsborough County Commission has been chosen to represent that body on the newly created West Coast Inland Waterways Commission. Counties comprising the commission are Hillsborough, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte and Lee.

Palm Beach County Commissioners have named Miss Sara Horton, former Sarasota County home demonstration agent, as Palm Beach County Agent to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Miss Bertha Nill Hausman.

Gad W. Segree of Eastpoint and Apalachicola has been appointed Franklin County Commissioner by Governor Millard Caldwell to fill the unexpired term of James H. Allen.

Miss Doris Cahoon is the new County Agent of Suwannee County. She succeeds Mrs. Geraldine Lewis.

Sarasota County Commissioners have appointed Frank Taylor, former state auditor, as their clerk.

A tentative budget for the 1947-48 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,638,618.88 has been approved by the Pinellas County Commission.

The Duval County Commissioners have adopted a 1947-48 budget calling for gross appropriations in excess of \$3,000,000, of which approximately \$1,975,000 would be raised by ad valorem taxes.

The New Smyrna Beach and DeLand Chambers of Commerce and Volusia County Agent W. J. Platt, Jr., have requested the Volusia County Commission to include money in the 1947-48 budget to pay for a new booklet to advertise Volusia county.

The St. Lucie County Commission put \$10,000 for a publicity fund in their tentative budget for 1947-48. This amount will be used by the Chamber of Commerce in promotion work in behalf of the county.

The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce has requested the Hardee County Commissioners to pay approximately \$2,100 for the recent printing of an illustrative county booklet.

The Advertising Committee of the Bradenton Chamber of Commerce has adopted a minimum \$15,000 budget for this year. Both the Bradenton City Council and the

Manatee County Commissioners have been asked to participate in the advertising program.

Polk County Commissioners will include a publicity item in their tentative budget for 1947-48 if such an item does not increase the total budget. The Associated Chamber of Commerce of Polk County suggested the printing and distribution of a booklet in color, giving a synopsis of the county's industrial and scenic advantages. They estimated that 25,000 copies of a 16-page booklet could be printed for about \$10,000.

Through the efforts of the Hardee County Conservation Club, about thirty-five pheasant chicks have been distributed in that county. County Commissioners voted to give \$25 to the project, and each Commissioner made a personal donation of \$5, which made a total of \$50. This amount was used for additional pheasant pens and other improvements.

Calhoun County Commissioners have entered into a contract with the Florida Forest Service for county-wide fire protection.

A survey to determine the number of traffic lights needed at intersections of strictly county roads has been undertaken by the Duval County Commissioners.

Hillsborough County Commissioners have installed new traffic lights at the intersections of MacDill Avenue and Memorial Highway, and Dale Mabry Highway and Columbus Drive.

Pinellas County Sheriff Tucker has warned the Pinellas County Commission that traffic stop signals and not red blinker lights are needed to stop speeding on the Lower Pinellas Beaches roads. He was instructed to get price on the traffic lights.

Sheriff Berlin A. Sawyer has requested the Monroe County Commissioners to install radios in his official automobiles similar to those being placed in automobiles of Key West city police.

Hardee County Commissioners have been asked to set up an appropriation for the establishment of a radio station for the Hardee sheriff's office.

Bids have been received by the Lee County Commission for a central radio station and six mobile transmitter-receiver units to aid the office of Sheriff Floyd Ellis.

Broward County Commissioners have awarded a contract to Tyler Construction company for resurfacing the old Dixie Highway from the Federal to Pierce street in Hollywood. (Continued on page 33)

Transactions of Meeting of Florida State Road Department

MEETING HELD AT BROOKSVILLE ON JULY 28, 1947

Pursuant to agreement and notice, the Members of the State Road Department met at Brooksville, Florida on the 28th day of July, 1947, for consideration and transaction of all regular business coming before the Board at this time, with all the Members and the Secretary in attendance, as follows: Chairman F. Elgin Bayless, Members Courtney Campbell, S. Kendrick Guernsey, Herman B. Fultz and Robert T. Carleton, and Secretary J. Robert McClure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the minutes of the meeting held on June 28 at Tallahassee were approved and ordered recorded.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects, and for the furnishing of certain equipment and materials, as hereinafter listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed, be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows, to wit:

CONSTRUCTION

Bids received May 22

L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., F-137(2) & F-025-1(3), 55, Pasco-Pinellas, \$713,577.20.

Bids received July 15

Macasphalt Corp., 1000-108 etc., 41, 60, 600, Hillsborough, \$54,780.50.

Caddell & Jackson, 5014-101, 267, Gadsden, \$118,265.32.

J. W. Conner & Sons, 0707-104 & 0700-103, 832 & St. Hendry, \$37,198.50.

Clary Bros. Const. Co., 8717-101, 826, Dade, \$130,902.50.

J. D. Manly Const. Co., 1603-110 etc., 555, 35, 60, Polk-Hardee, \$27,564.60.

John C. Dickerson Co., 7701-109 etc., 15 etc., Seminole-Volusia, \$100,961.98.

Caddell & Jackson, 3001-108, 55, Dixie, \$47,002.50.

Caddell & Jackson, 3802-901 & 3503-901, 20, Tay-

lor-Madison, \$20,295.24.

R. B. Tyler Co., 0209-102, 490, Citrus, \$33,461.33.
Rubin Const. Co., 9301-106 & 9305-103, 5 & 805, Palm Beach, \$199,891.60.

Brinson Const. Co., 7901-108 & 7301-103, 5, Volusia-Flagler, \$139,554.00.

Langston Const. Co., 0105-103 etc., 771, 775, 776, Charlotte-Sarasota, \$86,499.85.

B. B. McCormick & Sons, 7406-108, 200, Nassau, \$257,838.49.

L. L. Hall Const. Co., 9207-104, 60, Osceola, \$319,020.56.

Marion Contr. Co., 7407-102 & 7215-103, 115, Nassau-Duval, \$261,987.47.

EQUIPMENT

Bids received June 25

1500 Ft. 25 Conductor 600 volt Submarine Cable, etc., St. Augustine, Westinghouse Elec. Co., \$3,399.00.

2700 Ft. 3 Conductor 5000 volt Bridge Cable, etc., St. Augustine, Westinghouse Elec. Co., \$1,695.55.

600 Ft. 72 Conductor 600 volt Submarine Cable, etc., St. Augustine, Westinghouse Elec. Co., \$3,331.62.

6000 Ft. 6 Conductor 600 volt Submarine Cable, etc., St. Augustine, Westinghouse Elec. Co., \$3,624.40.

175 Ft. 67 Conductor 600 volt Submarine Cable, etc., Tampa, Westinghouse Elec. Co., \$1,176.36.

2 2-bag Concrete Mixers, Tampa, Fla. Equip. Co., Jax., \$3,201.00.

1 1-bag Concrete Mixer, Tampa, Seabrook T & T Co., \$1,179.90.

2 1-bag Concrete Mixers, Gainesville, Fla. Equip. Co., Jax., \$2,501.50.

1 1-bag Concrete Mixer, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Equip. Co., Jax., \$1,269.58.

4 1-bag Concrete Mixers, DeLand, Highway Equip. & Supply, \$4,835.80.

2 2-ton Gas. Tandem Rollers, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Equip. Co., Jax., \$1,470.00 Ea.

1 Diesel Crawler Tractor, Tampa, Farm & Home Mach. Co., \$7,296.74.

1 Diesel Crawler Tractor, Tampa, Farm & Home Mach. Co., \$6,953.55.

3 Gas. H. D. Tractors, Baldwin, Fla. Equip. Co., \$7,103.50.

2 Gas. H. D. Tractors, Gainesville, Fla. Equip. Co., \$7,103.50.

Industrial Wheel Tractor, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Ga. Tractor Co., \$3,785.12.

1 Road Sweeper, Blower, DeFuniak Spgs., Fla-

Ga. Tractor Co., \$1,941.50.

1 Diesel H. D. Motor Patrol, Tampa, Farm & Home Mach. Co., \$7,445.00.

1 Gas. Crawler-Swing Dragline, Tampa, M. D. Moody & Sons, \$8,300.00.

1 72" Power Squaring Shear Blade, Lake City, Wysong & Miles Co., \$1,470.00.

3 Sets Special Centerline Equip, DeLand, Kelly-Creswell Co., \$9,494.25.

Bids received June 28

1 5-Pass. 4-door Sedan, Madison, Messer Motor Co., \$1,487.75.

1 5-Pass. 4-door Sedan, Tampa, Ferman Chev. Co., \$1,052.50.

1 5-Pass. 4-door Sedan, Tampa, Ferman Chev. Co., \$1,349.50.

Bids received June 30

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Apalachicola, Brash-Hoffman Mot. Co., \$1,385.38.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Apalachicola, Brash-Hoffman Mot. Co., \$1,448.01.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Apalachicola, Brash-Hoffman Mot. Co., \$1,348.38.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Marianna, J. J. McCaskill Mot. Co., \$1,264.38.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Marianna, J. J. McCaskill Mot. Co., \$1,333.38.

Bids received July 1

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Panama City, Cook Motor Co., Inc., \$1,663.10.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Pensacola, Muldon Motor Co., \$1,309.70.

1 1½-2 ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Crestview, Okaloosa Co. Motors, \$1,606.72.

Bids received July 2

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, St. Augustine, Pollard Motor Co., \$1,210.38.

1 2-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Winter Haven, Evans Motor Co., \$1,637.98.

1 2-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Miami, Sam Murray, Inc., \$1,537.72.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, DeFuniak Spgs., Douglass-Creel Co., \$1,318.47.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, DeFuniak Spgs., Douglass-Creel Co., \$1,293.47.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Tallahassee, Tallahassee Motor Co., \$1,392.38.

Bids received July 3

1 2-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Graceville, Graceville Auto Co., \$1,797.23.

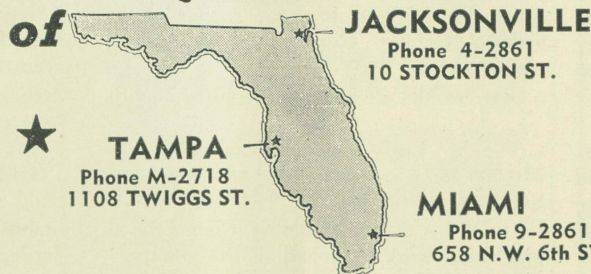
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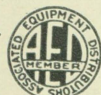


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burg, Grant Motor Co., \$1,467.40 Ea.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Bradenton, Bradenton Motor Co., \$1,415.16.

Bids received July 5

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Lake City, Rountree Motor Co., \$1,336.16.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Live Oak, Glass Motor Co., \$1,338.45.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Madison, Hardee Motor Co., \$1,324.00.

Bids received July 7

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, DeLand, Acree Motor Co., \$1,573.87.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, DeLand, Acree Motor Co., \$1,276.24.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, DeLand, Acree Motor Co., \$1,598.87.

1 2-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Gainesville, Shaw & Kester, \$1,558.11.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Ft. Myers, Lee Motors of Ft. Myers, \$1,073.88.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Orlando, Heintzelmanns, \$1,280.38.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Tampa, Holtsinger Mot. Co., \$1,438.95.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Tampa, Holtsinger Mot. Co., \$1,388.95.

Bids received July 8

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Ft. Pierce, Sunrise Motor Co., \$1,181.13.

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 134 WB, Ft. Pierce, Sunrise Motor Co., \$1,206.13.

Bids received July 18

1 1½-ton Cab Trk. Chassis, 158 WB, Crestview, Okaloosa Co., \$1,557.48.

Bids received July 24

1 2-ton Truck, Perry, Dekle Motor Co., \$1,668.36.

1 2-ton Truck, Perry, Dekle Motor Co., \$1,548.31.

Bids received July 25

1 2-ton Truck, Cocoa, Indian River Chev. Co., \$1,511.31.

SIGNS—PAINT

Bids received July 9

38,000 Metal Signs, Lake City, The Grote Mfg.

Co., \$91,189.90.

Bids received July 23

10,000 Gals. Center Line Paint, Gainesville, Prismo Safety Corp., at \$3.74 gal.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following supplemental agreements were approved:

Geo. D. Auchter Co., A1A, 7903-109, St. Johns, Amount of Increase \$1,612.50.

R. H. Wright & Son, Inc., 9, UI-026-1(1), Dade, Amount of Increase \$575.10.

Duval Eng. & Contr. Co., 241, 2614-103 and 3906-102, Alachua-Union, Amount of Increase \$482.20.

Peacock Contr. Co., 96, S-158(1), Jefferson, Amount of Increase \$200.00.

L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., 45, 1702-108, 1708-102 & 1710-102, Sarasota, Amount of Increase \$21,694.02.

RIGHT OF WAY RESOLUTIONS

The usual routine Right of Way request resolutions were adopted for the following projects:

Dade County, Road A1A, Section 8706, Baker's Haulover to N line Park, Fultz, Campbell.

Highlands County, Road 66, Section 0911, Hendricks Field to Lorida School, Campbell, Fultz.

Liberty County, Road 67-379, Section 5602, Carleton, Fultz.

Palm Beach County, Road 9, Section 9322, Broward Co. to Martin Co., Fultz, Guernsey.

LEASE OF LAND IN SOUTH JACKSONVILLE FROM FEC RAILWAY FOR STORAGE USE

Upon motion of Mr. Guernsey, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the opinion of The State Road Department of Florida it is deemed advisable and necessary for the State of Florida, acting by and through said The State Road Department to obtain from Scott M. Loftin and John W. Martin, as Trustees of the property of Florida East Coast Railway Company, and not individually, the

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according to the further terms and conditions as set forth by and described in copy of proposed agreement now on file in the office of the Secretary of the State Road Department of Florida;

AND WHEREAS, said Trustees of the Florida East Coast Railway have submitted form of contract between said Trustees and The State Road Department of Florida for the leasing of said parcel of land, and WHEREAS, said contract has been approved by the attorney at law for this Department, Calvin Johnson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of Florida as follows:

1. That the State Road Department of Florida, a body corporate of the State of Florida, does hereby agree to and enters into an agreement with Scott M. Loftin and John W. Martin, as Trustees of the property of Florida East Coast Railway Company, and not individually, wherein and whereby The State Road Department of Florida is given the right and privilege to use said parcel of land, for storage purposes, upon the conditions and terms, all as set forth and contained in copy of proposed agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. That F. E. Bayless, as Chairman of the State Road Department of Florida, with the attestation of J. Robert McClure, as Secretary of said Department, be and they hereby are each authorized and directed to execute said agreement for and on behalf of said Department, and to submit the same for execution by the Trustees of Florida East Coast Railway Company.

3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO DADE

COUNTY FOR R/W RD. 9,

SECTION 8724

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that because of the financial inability of Dade County to provide the necessary funds to acquire the right of way for Section 8724 extending from Opa Locka to Broward County line, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the State to advance State Road funds and any Federal Aid 33 1/3% right of way urban funds for such purposes, as follows:

Not to exceed a total amount of \$96,400.00, with all state road funds advanced to be repaid out of 80% surplus gasoline tax funds of Dade County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Chairman and Secretary of the Department in executing on behalf of the Department an Agreement with the County carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution for the advance of said funds to the County, in accordance with the policy adopted by Department resolution of September 16, 1946 be and it is hereby approved and ratified.

REVISION OF MAP OF LOCATION AND SURVEY OF SECTION 8906, ROAD 76, MARTIN COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that the revision of Section 8906, State Road 76 and the map of Location and Survey thereof, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County, Florida, on July 1, 1947, be and the same is hereby approved; and that Martin County be and it is hereby requested to acquire the rights of way in accordance with said revised map; otherwise, the Right of Way Resolution of the State Road Department adopted on February 28, 1947 requesting the County to

acquire rights of way for said road and Section shall continue in full force and effect.

REVISION OF MAP OF LOCATION AND SURVEY OF SECTION 6011, ROAD 395, IN WALTON COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that the revised map of Location and Survey of part of State Road 395 (formerly parts of State Roads 329 and 327), Section 6011, be and the same is hereby approved and said revised map is hereby ordered filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Walton County, Florida; and Walton County is hereby requested to acquire the right of way for said road in accordance with said revised map; otherwise, the Right of Way Resolution adopted by the State Road Department on April 11, 1947, requesting Walton County to acquire the right of way for said road and Section shall continue in full force and effect.

MOORING BOATS PROHIBITED OCK-LOCKONEE RIVER BRIDGE, STATE ROAD 10—GADSDEN-LEON COUNTIES

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that no person be permitted to moor his boat under and against the Ochlockonee River Bridge on State Road 10 between Leon and Gadsden Counties, since the same is an improper and hazardous use of public property not allowed the public generally, and has been the subject of complaint of an owner of lands adjacent the bridge abutment, and it appears there are appropriate landing places which can be used for launching boats in the Ochlockonee River without permanently mooring boats to the bridge structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copy of this resolution be furnished the Florida Highway Patrol.

ARCHITECT'S FEE ON HOSPITALITY HOUSE ON U. S. HIGHWAY 17

The Board considered the request from the Architect engaged to prepare plans for the Hospitality House to be erected at the Georgia-Florida State Line on U. S. Highway No. 17, that he be given an initial payment of \$500 on account, and declined to authorize any payment until the Board is furnished with plans and specifications acceptable to the Members, and are accepted by the Board, and which are sufficiently complete to permit start of construction.

QUIT-CLAIM TO SURPLUS R/W OBTAINED FROM I. I. BOARD ROAD 30 IN BAY COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Board authorized the Chairman to have prepared and to execute on behalf of the Department a quit claim deed to the surplus portion of a tract of land deeded to the Department by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for Section 4602, State Road 30 in Bay County, and which the said Trustees now desire to sell to one J. N. Brown, Jr.

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REVISION OF MAP OF LOCATION AND SURVEY OF SECTION 1807, ROAD 44, IN SUMTER COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:
BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that the Map of Location and Survey of that part of State Road 44—Section 1807, from Wildwood to Lake County line, be and the same is hereby approved and the same ordered filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County, Florida; and Sumter County is hereby requested to acquire the right of way for said road in accordance with said Map of Location and Survey; otherwise the Right of Way resolution adopted by the State Road Department on May 17, 1947, requesting Sumter County to acquire the right of way for said road, shall continue in full force and effect.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO HILLSBOR- OUGH COUNTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY SECTION 1003, ROAD 600, IN CITY OF TAMPA

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:
BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that because of the financial inability of Hillsborough County to provide the necessary funds to acquire the right of way for Section 1003, State Road No. 600, Hillsborough Avenue, City of Tampa, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the state to advance state road funds for such purpose, as follows:

Not to exceed Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) pursuant to the Department's policy adopted September 16, 1946;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Secretary of the Department execute on behalf of the Department an Agreement with the County carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution for the advance of said funds to the County, to be repaid from first accruals of 80% surplus gasoline tax funds of Hillsborough County.

RESOLUTION FOR LEASE - PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ES- CAMBIA COUNTY AND THE STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT COVERING BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER SANTA ROSA SOUND TO CONNECT SANTA ROSA PENINSULA WITH SANTA ROSA ISLAND, SAID SANTA ROSA ISLAND BRIDGE TO FORM A CONNECTING LINK IN STATE ROAD 399

On motion of Mr. Campmpbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:
WHEREAS, the State Road Department has received certified copy of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, adopted July 26, 1947, requesting the following:

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"That the State Road Department of Florida be and it is hereby requested to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the said Santa Rosa Island bridge, and under such agreement for a period of not exceeding thirty years to agree to pay by a non-cumulative pledge of the surplus of the eighty percent of gasoline tax accruing for use in Escambia County, Florida, in the hands of the State Road Department, any deficit in the debt service existing for the bonds aforesaid, after the application of the net receipts from tolls and toll charges herein mentioned and which bonds, when authorized, will be for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 2 3/4 percent per annum, and to mature over a period of not exceeding thirty years from date of issuance.

—2—
"WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida, desire to have the State Road Department prepare, or cause to be prepared, all plans, specifications and engineering designs for the location and construction of said bridge, as well as prepare for and in the name of the Board of County Commissioners the necessary con-

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struction contract or contracts for the construction of said bridge, including notices for bids thereon, and lend the Board all necessary assistance in letting such contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, and in addition have the Department supervise for and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners all the work of the contractor or contractors performed on said bridge, which shall include making all measurements and estimates, and certificates of all work performed and to be paid the contractor or contractors by the Board of County Commissioners under such contract or contracts. The Board agrees for the services above rendered by the Road Department it will pay the Department its actual out of pocket costs on bills or requisitions covering the same when submitted by the Department."

WHEREAS, the State Road Department deems it to be in the best interest of Escambia County and the State of Florida that said bridge be financed and constructed as outlined in said resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department of the State of Florida that it hereby agrees to the requests contained in said resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, subject to the following conditions:

1. Such bonds to be issued by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County shall be offered at an advertised public sale for competitive sealed bids in order to secure the lowest interest rate and most favorable terms obtainable.

2. That the provisions of paragraph numbered 2 of said resolution of Escambia County will be strictly complied with by the County.

3. That no payments will be made by the County from said funds derived from the issuance of said bonds for any account or purpose whatever unless the same shall first be approved by the State Road Department; and no contracts or agreements of any kind calling for payments from said bond funds shall hereafter be entered into without first securing the approval of the State Road Department.

4. That if any balance remains of said bond funds after all costs of construction and all costs of financing the construction of said bridge are paid, the same shall be devoted to the retirement of said bonds.

5. That all rental payments to make up deficiencies in debt service requirements under the lease-purchase agreement hereinafter agreed to, be entered into covering said bridge, shall be made from 80% surplus gasoline tax funds accruing for use in Escambia County pursuant to authority of the State Constitution, which are not now pledged or obligated for the payment of rentals for the Pensacola Bay Bridge or which are not now otherwise obligated pursuant to agreement between Escambia County and the State Road Department.

6. That the tolls or toll charges to be fixed and determined for said bridge by the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County shall be subject to the approval of the State Road Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the State Road Department that immediately upon the completion of said bridge and payment of all bills, costs and accounts incurred in connection with the financing and construction of said bridge, excepting, however, the outstanding principal and interest due on said bonds, it (the said Department) will duly execute as Lessee, a lease-purchase agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, as Lessor, covering said bridge, which lease-purchase agreement shall be in the words and figures as follows:

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into in triplicate this day of 194...., by and between BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", and the STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA, hereinafter referred to as the "Department".

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the parties that this agreement providing for the Lease-Purchase by the State of the New Santa Rosa Island Bridge,

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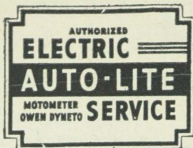
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being an essential connecting link in the State Road System of Florida, is advisable and to the best interest of the State and County, and,

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by law to lease and/or sell the bridge and the Department is authorized by law to lease and/or buy said bridge,

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the sum of One and no/100 (\$1.00) Dollar, this day paid by each party hereto to the other, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and in further consideration of the mutual and dependent covenants of the parties hereto and other good and valuable considerations as hereinafter set forth, the Board does by these Presents lease to the Department, its successors and assigns that certain new bridge to be constructed to connect Santa Rosa Peninsula with Santa Rosa Island on land owned by Escambia County, in the State of Florida together with the approaches and right of way thereto, and complete detailed plans of bridge and operating machinery.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with the franchise, riparian rights and other rights, easements, equipment, devices and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said Department, its successors and assigns, for a period of and a term to begin with and run from this date and to end at such time as all of the Bonds issued to finance the construction of said bridge with interest thereon shall have been paid, satisfied and retired or their retirement shall have been provided for by law but not to exceed in any event thirty (30) years from the date hereof, it being the intention of said Board to lease said bridge and approaches to the Department until all of the obligations incurred by the Board evidenced by Bonds and interest thereon (or refundings thereof) shall be retired or their retirement provided for during the period of thirty (30) years from the date hereof, and so long as the Department shall keep, comply with and perform the terms and conditions of this agreement hereinafter set forth:

The Department on its part agrees and does hereby lease and take over from said Board all of the above described property comprising the said bridge and approaches thereto and all property appurtenant thereto and in consideration thereof, does hereby promise and agree to and with said Board as follows:

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The Department will pay rentals for said bridge and approaches thereto, not less than twenty (20) days prior to the due dates on which any of the principal and/or interest of the bonds shall become payable, such sum or sums of money as shall be equal and sufficient to pay the remainder due on the principal and interest as they severally become due after the application of net receipts from tolls and toll charges hereinafter mentioned, for so long as any of such bonds or interest thereof shall be outstanding and unpaid. Provided, that said rentals shall be paid from any available uncommitted 80% surplus gasoline tax funds accruing to the State Road Department for use in Escambia County under the provisions of the Constitution of Florida. Provided Further, that such rentals shall be paid direct to the State Board of Administration of the State of Florida for application pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 21853, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1943. It is understood that the Board will at all times during the continuance of this agreement, operate said bridge and fix and determine and collect tolls and toll charges from all persons using the facilities of said bridge and in fixing and determining the amounts of said tolls and toll charges, the Board will take into consideration the amounts needed to pay the principal and interest of the bonds herein mentioned as they severally mature; provided, however, the amounts of said tolls and toll charges shall not be fixed, determined, changed or modified without first securing approval thereof by the Department. That after deducting the cost of operating said bridge, the Board shall remit the net receipts to the Department monthly or at such times as the Department shall specify and in connection with the collection of said tolls and toll charges, the Board shall keep a detailed account of receipts upon such form as shall be prescribed by the Auditor of the Department and shall keep a detailed account of the expenditures of operation of said bridge upon

a form to be prescribed by the Auditor of the Department; provided that at least 30 days before said toll bridge is opened for travel, the Board shall submit a fiscal budget to the Department for the first year's operation of said bridge, and a similar budget shall be submitted to the Department for each succeeding year's operation of the bridge as a toll bridge at least 30 days before the beginning of each of such years. Such budgets shall each be subject to the approval, change or modification by the Department and no expenditures shall be made by the Board for the operation of said bridge during any budget year unless such budget shall have first been approved by the Department; provided that the budget of any year may be changed or modified by the Board at any time with the approval of the Department.

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That the Department shall pay direct to the State Board of Administration of the State of Florida, all tolls and toll charges remitted to it by the Board as herein provided for application for payment on the bonds and interest thereof as they severally mature or are retired; and the State Board of Administration shall have all the powers with reference to the subject matter herein as is contemplated and provided by Chapter 21853, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1943.

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The Department will at all times during the continuance of this agreement maintain the bridge and approaches in good repair and in sound operating condition and will make all necessary repairs, renewals and replacements.

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The Department will at all times keep all of said property insured for the benefit of the Board or the Department, as their interest shall appear. The Department will pay the premiums for such insurance solely from funds available for this lease-purchase agreement.

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The Department does further covenant and agree to and with the Board that if the Department shall fail to make rental payments or to remit the toll and toll charges herein mentioned required by this agreement or shall fail or refuse to keep, comply with or perform any of the terms or conditions herein expressed or if this lease shall expire or terminate for any reason other than the payment, satisfaction or retirement of all of the said bonds of the Board herein referred to, then the Department will return to the Board the said bridge and approaches and all of the property described herein or in any manner appertaining thereto including any additions to or renewals thereof.

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If and when the Department shall have performed all of the covenants hereunder, and shall have paid the rental hereinabove provided for the full term of the lease, then the title and absolute ownership to all the property included in the lease shall thereupon immediately be vested in the State of Florida in fee simple; and the Board covenants and agrees to and will thereupon deliver to the Department such deeds and conveyances as may be necessary or convenient to vest full title and ownership of all of said property in the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board has caused these presents to be executed on its behalf in its corporate name by its Chairman and its Clerk and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by the Clerk of said Board, and the Department has caused these presents to be executed on its behalf, in its corporate name by its Chairman, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by its Secretary, all as of the day and year first above written.

DELEGATIONS AND REQUESTS

Cross-State Highway

The delegation appearing in interest of the Cross-State Highway included the following: A. C. (Andy) Slaughter of Orlando, A. A. McKethan of Brooksville, L. D. Edge of Groveland and H. Brown and Irving Morse of Clermont.

Mr. Edge asked for a survey from Groveland west. Mr. McKethan urged this survey through Hernando County in order that the County may be able to proceed to acquire the necessary right of way.

Dade County—Baker's Haulover

Col. A. B. Jones, U. S. Army (Retired), representing Knappen Engineering Co. of Florida, outlined his company's proposition for getting up

the plans and engineering data for the new bridge at Baker's Haulover, and expressed his belief that he could obtain a War Department permit for a fixed span. He suggested consideration of the relief their proposition would provide to the engineering staffs of the State, the County and the City.

REGULATIONS ON BRIDGE OPENINGS ON MacARTHUR CAUSEWAY

The Board considered a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County asking that the period in which special regulations are in force relating to openings of the two draw spans of MacArthur Causeway be extended to cover the time from November 1 to April 30, inclusive, instead of from December 1 to March 31, as in the past, and that the Road Department approve and make such request of the District Engineer, U. S. War Department, Jacksonville.

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the Board approved the request of the Dade County resolution, that the U. S. District Engineer be requested to extend the period to include the dates of November 1 to April 30 and to issue appropriate public notices of such extension.

Hernando County

Those appearing from Hernando County were John L. Ayers, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, R. H. Keeling, Member of the said Board, Onan Whitehurst, County Attorney, and A. A. McKethan, local banker.

They expressed their appreciation of the meeting being held in Brooksville, but made no special request. Mr. McKethan said that the County considered the cross-state highway its number one request and has agreed to acquire this right of way just as soon as the survey has been made and location determined. He expressed the hope that the 1948 or 1949 Budget will contain provision for some of the construction on this highway.

The Chairman advised the delegation that the

Department had decided to go ahead with the construction of a 24-foot roadway concrete deck bridge over the Withlacoochee River to replace the one on Road 50 which has broken through.

BRIDGE OVER WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER—ROAD 50

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Fultz, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department proceed to construct a bridge over the Withlacoochee River between Richloam and Spring Lake on State Road 50, Section 0800, in Hernando County, the plans for the said bridge to provide for a 24-foot roadway, concrete flat slabs on concrete capped bents of treated piles, at an estimated cost of \$18,102.70, to be paid for from the Department's emergency funds.

Hillsborough County

County Commissioner Elbert Moore of Hillsborough County presented the following requests:

Broken Bridge

(1) He asked for help on a county bridge which he reported had broken through under the weight of a heavy oil truck, for which the County has no funds to meet the expense of the necessary repairs. The Chairman advised that the Department would have an inspection made, with estimate of the cost of such repair required and would make a report to the County.

Ruskin Sidewalk

(2) He asked that the County be given permission to construct a sidewalk along the right of way of U.S. 541, State Road 45, through the Town of Ruskin, to meet the urgent needs of school children and other pedestrians. The Board considered this request along with the report of the Division Engineer of his recent investigation of this situation. Due to probable conflicts in future municipal construction, the necessity for additional right of way in some areas, and the creation of conditions that would require inlets and

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other incidental drainage structures, the Board's decision was that it would be advisable to defer this matter until such time as the Department considers the installation of a standard municipal section.

Submerged Lands Adjacent to 22nd Street Causeway

(3) That the Department enter into an agreement with Victor Licata permitting him to fill in the submerged lands adjacent to the 22nd Street Causeway, on promise that the Road Department will not sell or let this land to be used for commercial purposes.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Guernsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have prepared and to execute with the Secretary on behalf of the Department, an agreement with Victor Licata and Frances C. Licata, his wife, of Hillsborough County, that certain submerged lands lying adjacent to the 22nd Street Causeway which are within the riparian right ownership of the Department may be filled in by the said Victor Licata, the owner of adjoining lands, in return for the promise of the Department that the said land will be used only for highway purposes, including highway beautification, parks and parkway purposes, and the further promise that the Department will not sell or otherwise dispose of the said land, the said agreement to continue in force during the lifetime of the said Victor Licata, his wife and their children.

Lake County

Messrs. Harry Brown and Sam Peacock came before the Board in the interest of U. S. Route 19 and said they would appreciate anything that could be done on this highway. Mr. Brown urged the surfacing of this road between Clermont and Haines City.

Orange Blossom Trail

Mr. A. C. (Andy) Slaughter, Secretary of the Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce, who had already appeared with the delegation representing the Cross-State Highway, spoke in behalf of the Orange Blossom Trail. He said that the Association to sponsor the Orange Blossom Trail was organized about ten or eleven years ago and had spent some money in advertising this route. He requested the Department to designate the route indicated on the map which he filed, entering the state north of Jennings, via Lake City,

Gainesville, Ocala, Leesburg, Orlando, Haines City, Sebring, Clewiston and on to Ft. Lauderdale and Miami, as the Orange Blossom Trail. He stated that the Association would furnish all the markers if the Department would erect them.

The Chairman advised Mr. Slaughter that the Board would take this proposition under consideration.

Palm Beach County

The Board received a certified copy of resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, thanking the Department for its promptness in furnishing all necessary information for acquisition of right of way needed for the proposed four-lane highway, State Road No. 9, through that county, and assuring the Board of the fullest cooperation of the County. The Members expressed their appreciation of this attitude on the part of Palm Beach County.

Pasco County

The delegation from Pasco County included Senator J. C. Getzen, Dr. E. C. Brookman, Mayor of New Port Richey, County Commissioner W. J. Baillie, R. D. Stevenson, Member of the School Board, Mrs. Pauline Dill and Mr. F. I. Grey of New Port Richey.

Mr. Baillie filed the following requests:

- (1) A connecting link, running from the bridge on Main Street west to the new highway, approximately 1800 feet.
- (2) A new bridge across the Pithlachasootie River.
- (3) Commencing at the junction of the new highway, thence run north along Post Road, to the River, thence westerly along river to the Gulf, $\frac{3}{4}$ miles.
- (4) The Moon Lake Road, from New Port Richey to junction with State Road 52, about 13 miles.
- (5) Green Key road, commencing at the SE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Twp. 26 S, R 16 E, thence west to Gulf, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.
- (6) The Gunn Highway from Elfers to New Port Richey.
- (7) Resurfacing of U. S. 19 from New Port Richey to Pinellas County line.

The Board also received and considered the report of the Division Engineer on the requests filed by Pasco County representatives at the last meeting, and advised Mr. Baillie that no action would be taken until the County Commissioners furnish the Department with a list of desired projects in the order of their priority as determined by the County Board.

Pinellas County

Pinellas County was represented by Messrs. Frank Merrin, County Right of Way Agent, W. A. McMullen, County Engineer, John Chesnut, Chairman, and W. H. Belcher, Member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. McMullen filed a list showing priority of construction and maintenance projects desired for Pinellas County for next year. He advised the Board that the County is ready to go ahead with the exchange of properties at Johns Pass.

Mr. Merrin called attention to the condition of the Anclote River Bridge at Tarpon Springs and asked for help on it. The Chairman replied that the Department Engineer has been instructed to check into this project. Mr. Merrin also reported that the right of way has been secured for Road 55 in Tarpon Springs from Tarpon Avenue to Mecca.

Mr. Chesnut thanked the Board for all that has been done for them and invited the Board to hold a meeting in Pinellas County.

Exchange of Properties at Johns Pass Exchange of Deeds with C. T. Williams and Wife to Re-align Portion of State Road 699 in Pinellas County

On motion of Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Department that deeds be exchanged with C. T. Williams and wife covering parts of certain lots in Mitchell's Beach Subdivision, Plat Book 3, page 45, Pinellas County Records, to re-align portion of the right of way of State Road 699 as recommended by the State Highway Engineer; and the Chairman and the Secretary of this Department are authorized to execute deed on behalf of the Department to C. T. Williams and wife, provided C. T. Williams and wife first execute and deliver deed satisfactory to the Department for the lands they have agreed to convey to the Department in exchange for the Department's deed.

Putnam County

The Board received advice from Putnam County that an advance of \$10,000 on their surplus 80% gasoline tax funds to pay judgments for right of way costs on Road 15 would be needed, under the Department's policy regarding such advances, and asked that the Board grant such advance and prepare the agreement to be executed with the County.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO PUTNAM COUNTY FOR R/W SECTION 7601, ROAD 15

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that because of the financial inability of the Board of Bond Trustees of Putnam County to provide the necessary funds to acquire the right of way for Section 7601, State Road 15, in Putnam County, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the State to advance State road funds for such purpose, as follows: Not to exceed \$10,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary of the Department execute on behalf of the Department an agreement with the County carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution for the advance of said funds to the County, in accordance with the policy adopted by the Department in resolution of September 16, 1946.

St. Lucie County

The delegation from St. Lucie County included the following: Representative D. H. Saunders, and Messrs. D. E. Smith, County Attorney, and Lane Jennings, J. R. Merritt and Dewey Wilcox, Members of the Board of County Commissioners; also, representing the City of Fort Pierce, were Messrs. H. E. Center, Mayor, Frank Fee, R. A. Mays and H. A. Starcher, City Commissioners, Wallace Sample, City Attorney, and Clyde Swank, City Manager.

Mr. Sample spoke of the agreement between the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County regarding payment for the right of way for State Road 5, and advised the Board that the City finds it necessary to spend so much more money in getting ready for the construction of this road than had been contemplated, and that prices had advanced so much, that its funds would not be adequate,

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and they had come to request, with the representatives of the County, that the amount to be advanced to the County by the Department be increased to \$100,000, or \$25,000 more than the amount agreed upon in a recent conference with Road Department officials, for the purchase of this right of way through the City.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO ST. LUCIE COUNTY FOR R/W SECTION 9401, ROAD 5

On motion of Mr. Fultz, seconded by Mr. Carleton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Road Department that because of the financial inability of St. Lucie County to provide the necessary funds to acquire the right of way for Section 9401, State Road 5, in St. Lucie County, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the state to advance state road funds for such purpose, as follows: Not to exceed \$100,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman and Secretary of the Department execute on behalf of the Department an Agreement with the County carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution for the advance of said funds to the County, in accordance with the policy adopted by the Department in resolution of September 16, 1946.

Sumter County

Senator J. C. Getzen, E. C. Traylor, Chairman, and I. C. Hall, Member of the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, appeared before the Board in the interest of that county.

Senator Getzen stated that their Road Board Member and Division Engineer knew the needs of Sumter County, and he asked the Department to back them up. He particularly asked help on Road 48 between Floral City and Bushnell, and from Bushnell to Beville's Corner. He reported that the deeds were ready to be delivered on Road 44 from Wildwood to Leesburg, and he thanked the Board for meeting in this section of the State.

EDUCATIONAL MOTION PICTURES OF SRD OPERATIONS

The Chairman gave a report on his investigation of the making of the proposed educational

film to show to the public the operations of the Road Department.

On motion of Mr. Carleton, seconded by Mr. Campbell, the Chairman was authorized to proceed to enter into a contract with Sanborn Graphic Arts, Inc., of Lakeland, Florida, covering the production of a 16 mm. sound, full color, documentary film, at a cost of \$10,500.00, according to the specifications and terms agreed upon.

INVITATION FROM DAYTONA BEACH

The Board received and gave consideration to an invitation for the Board to hold the next meeting at Daytona Beach. The members expressed their appreciation of this invitation, but since they felt that it would not be advisable to hold a meeting in the month of August, and under the requirements of the law the September meeting would have to be held in Tallahassee, they declined the Daytona Beach invitation.

NEXT MEETING

The Board agreed to meet at Tallahassee on September 6th and this meeting was adjourned.

Blackwater River State Forest is Florida's largest State forest with 182,000 acres.

Cary State Forest, with 3,500 acres, lies west of Jacksonville.

Pine Log State Forest, west of Panama City has 7,000 acres.

The largest cypress in the southern United States is near Sanford and is 42.9 feet in girth and 126.3 feet tall.

The lightest wood in the world is believed to be tano found in Siam and the Malayan Peninsula.

IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

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Tropical Florida representative of the Audubon society, Charlie Brookfield, Coconut Grove, conducts bi-weekly tours during the summer months through the Everglades and the Big Cypress to Everglades City and thence by boat to Duck Rock, the Tropical Florida Audubon society's sanctuary in the Ten Thousand Islands, where many varieties of birds may be seen.

A shark, saddled and ready for hitching to a boat, escaped in Miami and the Gulf stream fisherman who catches it will probably gasp in amazement. The inventor of a "shark boat" had planned to have it pull him around for the edification of the newsreels.

A 250-pound sea turtle, found where it had been captured and hidden behind a house at Hollywood Beach, was bewildered when released by State Conservation Agent Fred Cabot and a group of workmen. He wound up, utterly exhausted, on top of a pile of lumber four feet high, so he was given a ride in a wheelbarrow down the beach to the water's edge. He swam away, evidently much relieved.

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TIMUCUAN INDIANS OF FLORIDA

By D. B. McKAY

in Tampa Morning Tribune

The title page of the current (May) issue of Florida Highways, official publication of the State Road Department, the Florida Highway Patrol Association of County Commissioners and the Florida Trucking Association, is embellished by a very remarkable picture—"Reproduction of a drawing by Le Moyne, who accompanied the ill-fated French expedition to Northeast Florida in 1565. It shows the burial of a Timucuan Indian chief beneath an earthen mound. Here we have an eye-witness portrayal of the type of burial which, centuries later, the archaeologist uncovered in search of knowledge of Florida's prehistoric past," says the editor.

Well, if that is a true picture of the Timucua Indian of 1565 our conception of Florida's first settlers must be revised. In the group surrounding the chief's tomb are probably 100 figures—men, women and children—and any one or all of them would pass for a normal, healthy American male or female, minus clothing, except loin cloths. The coloring is white and the facial characteristics are somewhat of the Nordic type. There is not one among them with the high cheek bones typical of all American Indians I have ever seen in the flesh or in pictures. The people are depicted as weeping, wailing and debasing themselves on the ground, indicating that the fallen leader was greatly beloved and honored, and groups are shown attempting to console the widow and her children. It is a very impressive picture and the delineation of the figures is remarkable—so that, if we are to accept it as correct we must also assume the Timucua Indian was a distinct type, with white skin and Caucasian features. But I must add that every other authority of whom I have knowledge depicts them as typical Indians—bronze-skinned and sharp-featured; and it is also my belief, based on my studies of ancient writings, that the Timucuan was outstanding mentally, physically and in their moral attitudes among all the Indian tribes inhabiting Florida.

It is regrettable that more definite and dependable history of this once great race

has not been obtained and preserved. In his thrilling historic novel, *In Florida's Dawn*, P. D. Gold pictures them as a noble high-principled people, of impressive physical stature, kindly and hospitable, but in warfare fierce and daring.

Describes Indians

In his treatise on Florida Indian mounds Dr. M. W. Stirling, chief of the Bureau of America Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, says of this race: "This part of Florida (he was speaking of the Canaveral peninsula in Brevard County) when first discovered and later explored by the Spanish was inhabited by a tribe of Indians known as the Surruque or Curruque, who were of the Timucuan family and were the southernmost band of this stock on the Florida East Coast. Menendez, the founder of St. Augustine, held a council in 1566 at or near Cape Canaveral which was attended by no less than 1500 of these Indians. In 1598 the Spanish governor sent a punitive expedition against the Surruque because of the murder of Spanish sailors cast away on this coast. Whether the accusation was true or false, 60 of the Surruque were killed and 54 were taken into slavery. Between 1613 and 1617 a severe epidemic raged among the Timucuan tribes, reducing the population by nearly one-half, and it is safe to assume that the Surruque too suffered greatly. The Surruque joined in the uprising of 1656 against the Spanish friars, which was put down by the authorities with great severity, so that they again suffered heavy casualties. Following that we hear of another plague in 1672, and the mission records show a dreadful mortality among the tribes of this region. In 1704 the Surruque were involved in the fighting between the Spanish troops on the one hand and the English aided by their Creek allies on the other, and it appears that they suffered about equally from both. The last mentioned of any of the Timucuan tribes of this region appears in 1728, when their number is described as reduced to a few miserable villages. After this date they are no longer mentioned in the early records. The recorded history of the Surruque left us by the early explorers of Florida is a brief catalogue of repeated disasters ending with their final disappearance slightly more than 100 years after their first contact with Europeans."

I am persuaded by what I have read of them that the chief village of the Timucuan—the headquarters of the great Cacique—was near the shores of Tampa Bay, possibly the Tampa of which Fontanedo speaks in his memoirs.

It will be remembered that Dr. Stirling in a letter which I published several months ago definitely identified the group whose skeletons were exhumed at the site on Cypress St. in 1928 as Timucuans.

It is a tragic story—the story of the extermination of a race in little more than the period of a human lifetime.

AROUND THE TOWN

With Joy Reese Coleman

(Jacksonville Journal, May 12, 1947)

Attention: Office Boys

Jacksonville executives or would-be executives might pick up some valuable tips from a book recently added to the shelves of the Jacksonville Public Library . . . but take the authors' advice and don't let a copy loose in the office.

Written by Millard C. Faught and Lawrence Hammond, the book is entitled "Care and Feeding of Executives and the General Theory of How to Be One."

And if your assistant, secretary, office boy or janitor gets hold of it, you may find yourself being slipped a marked copy with appropriate marginal notes.

A quickie to read, the book has chapters on "How to Pound a Table," "How to Sit at a Big Desk," "How to Take a Client to Lunch," "How to Dress Like a Big Shot," "How to Endure Success" and "The Vitamin Approach."

The authors point out that executives with agoraphobia or who have excessively short legs cannot acclimate themselves to a big desk. They also urge those who are bothered with sea-sickness to forego "swivelation."

There's also a glossary of gobbledygook . . . and the book is so rife with illustrations that reading time is estimated at two and 13/17 seconds. Chief Librarian says the book is now ready for circulation.

A California coast readwood, 364 feet tall, is the tallest living tree.

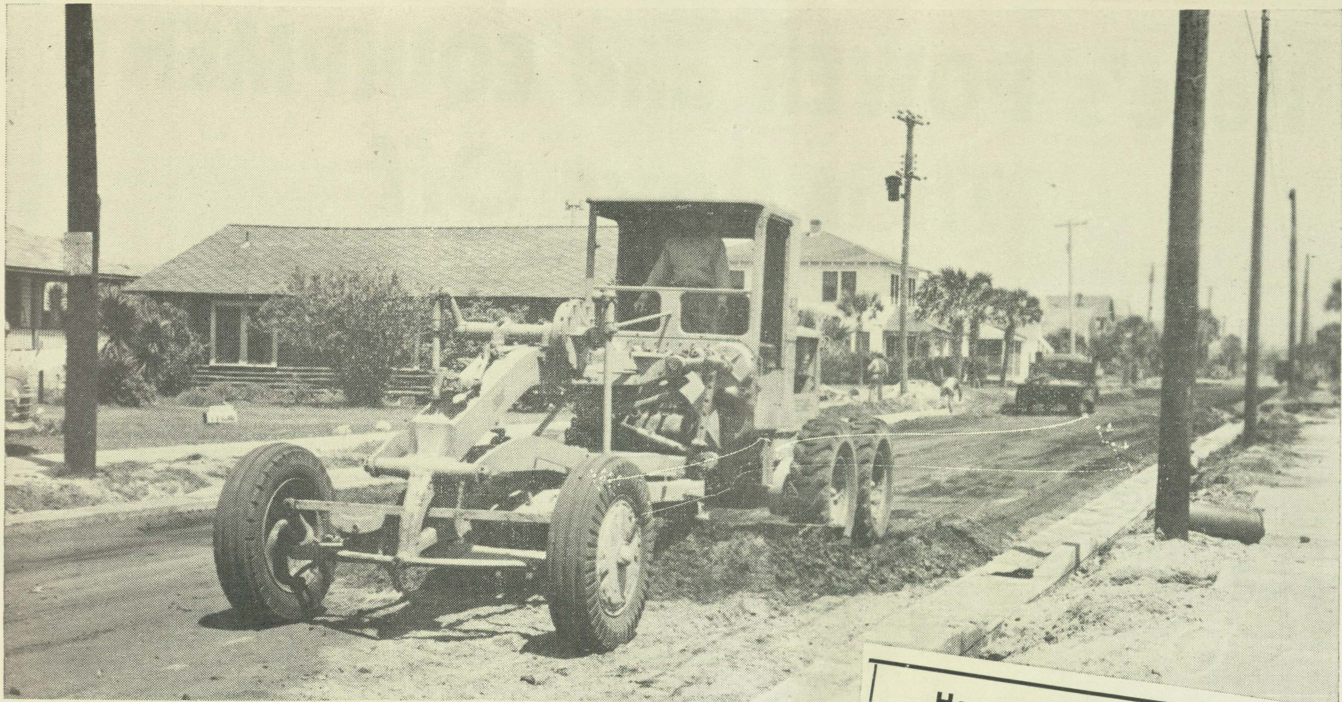
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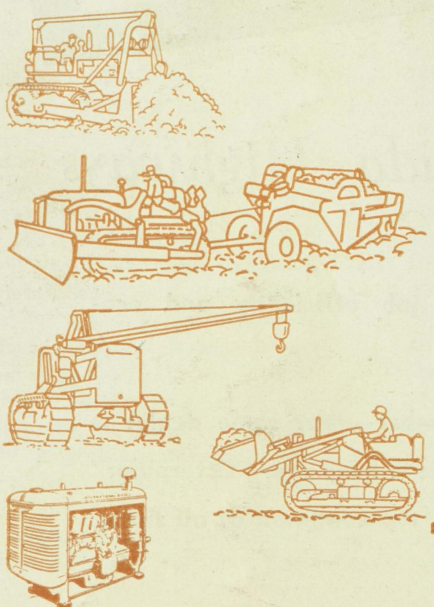
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